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Congratulations to the Alabama Baptist. It is said the paper's income exceeded its operating expense by \$1,468.00.

Mrs. John W. McCall of Memphis has given a lot in Memphis on which a \$20,000 building will be erected as a Baptist Good Will Center.

J. C. Monsma of 1128 Argyle St., Chicago, announces that he can provide a cheap tour to Palestine for preachers and other Bible teachers.

The contributions sent to the Baptist Orphanage on the free railroad cars this year for Thanksgiving are said to be larger than ever before.

Brother Joe Canzaneri of San Marcos, Texas, will give all his time to evangelistic singing, beginning February 1st. It is interesting to note that Robert Wilburn Canzaneri arrived November 21st.

Tennessee Baptists are changing the charter of their schools so that hereafter the trustees will not be self-perpetuating but will be elected by the Convention. This change was made in Mississippi in the last century.

The Baptist and Reflector, the state paper for Tennessee Baptists, had a deficit the past year of \$4,235.00. The Baptist Advance of Arkansas had a deficit of \$2,500.00, the Biblical Recorder of North Carolina had a deficit of \$4,000.00. We are knocking on wood.

Dr. J. R. Sampey of the Louisville Seminary helped Pastor Fox in a meeting of two weeks at Mayfield, Ky. There were 17 additions to the church from 10 to 84 years old. The pastor says: "I have never been associated with any other man who yearns for the salvation of souls with as great a degree of compassion as he."

Arkansas Baptists had a fine harmonious Convention that went far to settling their difficulties and advancing the kingdom. A good part of the time was spent in prayer. Several members of the Ouachita faculty will resign by request. Plans were made to wipe out an indebtedness of \$800,000 on the Convention.

Mr. Clinton N. Howard, nationally prominent as a prohibitionist, recently said: "The President has done some fine moralizing on the general enforcement of the law, but he has never yet definitely and unreservedly committed his administration to the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment as provided by his oath of office to support the constitution."

The editor was with Pastor Morris at Noxapater Sunday. The church membership is the largest in the county. They are building a great church house, brick veneer, to cost \$15,000 and up, which will seat a thousand people and furnish rooms for Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. Recently when the church made a liberal contribution to the Orphanage they added enough to give the pastor a good donation and made him and his good wife happy. Our visit was in the interest of the budget for the coming year, and there were a good number of visitors from other churches in the Association.

If it were not for complaining and finding fault with those who are trying to work some folks would soon be out of a job.

The best Christmas present you could give many of your friends is a subscription to The Baptist Record. Get it at once.

Pastor R. A. Kimbrough of Charleston had with him Dr. D. A. Ellis of Memphis in a meeting of twelve days. There were said to be more than a dozen added to the church.

Brother Alton Pierce, who finishes his work in Mississippi College in January, has been called to Second Church, Greenwood, and has begun his work with them.

The editor had the pleasure of listening to a good sermon Sunday by Pastor J. L. Boyd at Magee. It was preparatory to the canvass for the 1926 Program and was bound to bring the proper results.

Miss Dorothy Gill Price was married November 16th to Mr. S. P. Ingram, Jr., of Anniston, Ala. The bride is the daughter of our good friends, Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Price of Alexandria, La., formerly of Jackson, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Bailey of Jackson have the sympathy of their many friends in the death of their youngest daughter, Mrs. Meadows, on Saturday of last week. To them and her husband, who is a prominent business man of Jackson, our hearts go out in the time of their sorrow.

Attention was called in a paragraph recently to the fact that the boards of trustees of Baptist institutions in North Carolina elected themselves to these positions. Recently at the State Convention this was slightly modified so that hereafter they will nominate and the Convention will elect.

At a meeting of prohibitionists in Washington recently a message was prepared and sent to the Pope asking for his help in the fight against liquor in this country. Were these dear brethren trying to put the Pope in a hole? Of course he isn't going to do anything of the sort, and not to do it—well that is worse.

## BACKFIRING

Rome, Dec. 3.—A droll will probated in the Turin court of the deceased Pietro Sommaruga, who for years was the hope of creditors and relatives, leaves his entire fortune to charity, saying:

"To my son I leave the pleasure of earning a living. For 25 years he thought this pleasure was uniquely mine. He made a mistake.

"To my valet I leave my clothes, which he has methodically stolen for several years, and also my fur lined overcoat, which he thought he used without my knowledge, when I was away.

"My chauffeur gets my automobile, which he has completely ruined. I desire to give him the satisfaction of finishing what he has started.

"I leave my friends the advice to find a man to take my place in their association."

The money was left to charity to avoid a fight among his heirs.

First Church, Sherman, Texas, of which T. L. Holcomb is pastor, has 20 B. Y. P. U.'s.

Dr. T. E. Mitchell of Columbus, Ga., has given \$20,000 to the Louisville Seminary building campaign in honor of his father and mother.

Highland Church, Meridian, will spend \$12,000 completing their building. Pastor W. C. McGill is working to get The Baptist Record in the church budget.

Evangelist Geo. C. Cates, who has been resting several years because of throat trouble, recently assisted in a great meeting at South Highlands Church, Bessemer, Ala.

A union church in Santa Rita, New Mexico, ran along pretty well as long as they had a Methodist pastor, but the Methodists rebelled when it was proposed to elect a Baptist preacher as pastor.

The advertisement of Holman Bibles on page sixteen and which appeared also November 19th is from the Sunday School Board. There is no better Christmas present than a Bible. Look up the advertisement.

\$100,000 was given recently to Wake Forest College (Baptist) in North Carolina by Mr. B. N. Duke, brother of J. B. Duke, who recently gave millions to education. To this the General Education Board added \$50,000. Also \$50,000 was given by Mr. Duke to Meredith College, a Baptist college for women in North Carolina.

News came to our office Monday of the death Sunday morning at Winona of Mrs. A. V. Rowe, wife of our beloved brother, the Mission Secretary for Mississippi Baptists for twenty years. Our sympathy is with our dear brother and his sons, who have suffered so great a loss. Her death is said to have occurred suddenly early Sunday morning without any previous illness.

The peace pact made at Locarno, Switzerland, and later signed at London by representatives of the chief countries in Europe, promises a period of rest and cessation from international strife. The feeling which it has inspired in the common people is visualized in the group of French soldiers of the late war. They met Premier Briand, who signed the pact, on his return to Paris. We are told that blind, legless and armless soldiers bore a banner reading: "Welcome to the man who has insured our children against the misfortunes which visited us".

Funny things do happen in Baptist Conventions. For example in the Oklahoma Convention the Moderator ruled out of order a part of Editor Stealey's report on Publications because it contained the famous words "And not by evolution". This was done on the ground that their constitution forbids the "formulating of creeds". Dr. Stealey appealed to the house and the President's ruling was sustained. But it is said a strong denial of evolution remained in the report; and immediately following this a resolution was passed declaring belief in the fully inspired word of God, denouncing modernism in all its forms, especially evolution, and strongly commending Dr. Stealey's paper. Aren't we the funniest folks in the world?



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. J. C. Owen of Meridian

(Continued From Last Week)

## Evolution in Our Schools

Another question which is before us is this: Shall we teach Evolution in our schools, and specially in our Christian Schools? It is a great pity that the advocates of evolution have sought to muddle the issue and confuse many people by a loose and unjustified use of terms. They have sought to make evolution synonymous with development. So they speak of the evolution of the rose, the evolution of the race horse, the evolution of the automobile, and all the rest. It is perfectly clear to one who seeks to distinguish between things that differ, that this use of the word evolution is an effort to secure for it a popular acceptance to which it is not entitled on its merits. It is an effort to secure for that form of evolution which must be rejected by every one who believes in the Biblical account of creation, an acceptance which they will never secure on a fair evaluation of the facts. The change from the lower, simpler forms, to the higher and more complex, through the agency of the forces inherent in the animal and plant, is evolution. This professes to secure all advantageous changes through the forces resident in the individual organism without any direction or assistance from any force whatsoever on the outside. The change from the lower, simpler order, to the higher, more complex order, through the agency of the forces inherent in the animal or plant, as these forces are augmented and directed by an external, superior intelligence, is development. The production of the American Beauty Rose is brought about by development and not by evolution. The little wild rose, untouched by human hands, out in the desert, would grow into the American Beauty Rose by evolution, but the little wild rose in the garden of Luther Burbank grew into the American Beauty Rose by the direction of the superior intelligence of Luther Burbank. So it is in all matters of development. Evolution has no place for God in the development of man and no place for man in the development of the lower order of animals. Development makes a place for God in the entire history of man up to his present higher development and necessitates the co-operation of man with God in all possible future growth. Evolution sees man as one of many animals, getting his ideas and ideals from the same source from which all his brute cousins get theirs. It makes him responsible only to this original source for his conduct. Development makes a place for God in his world. It says that He created each species, bearing seed according to its kind. He implies that with man to dress the garden and care for the animals and plants with the wisdom and help of God, may secure all possible development. Evolution is essentially Atheistic. Those who hold to what they call "theistic evolution" soon come to deny the supernatural in religion. They soon deny the deity of Jesus, the inspiration of the Bible, and every other essential tenet of Christianity and ultimately deny the very existence of God himself.

Evolution as accounting for the existence or development of man has not a single fact of science in its favor. Some people say such fact may yet be discovered. Let me express the humble conviction that such will never be the case. The so-called scientists of the evolutionary type violate one of the very first laws of teaching in their advocacy of evolution. They attempt to teach what they themselves do not know. Most of our confusion and strife of today has come from this very fact. They know a little science of some certain kind. They, therefore, conclude that they can speak with authority of the things in which they have never been instructed, and attempt to teach, either by writing or orally, what one has never learned and, therefore, does not know. Such is unscientific and unethical. Most of the scientists speak with great assur-

ance of the Bible and its teaching when they will admit that they have never sought to give it an honest study. Take Darwin for instance. He admits that the only opportunity he ever had for studying the Bible was the one year spent in a so-called Christian school. During this year, the only opportunity he had to learn the Bible was the daily chapel hour, but during this time, he sat in the rear of the chapel and memorized passages from the Latin Poets while the Chaplain explained the scriptures. This he did because he was not interested in the Bible. Later in life, when urged to harmonize his so-called scientific teaching with the Bible, he said, "This would require a more profound study than my physical strength would admit". Still he felt himself competent to declare that no revelation had ever been made. Let the scientists give us every fact of science then can. Every true Christian will welcome every authentic fact, but let them cease to attempt to take away our Bibles, the bread of life and the light of life, when they have never attempted to understand its teaching. Most of the so-called evolutionists refer to the Bible only because they know it stands in the way of the general acceptance of their unproven theories and the corrupt and brutish lives which these theories encourage.

## Science and the Bible

A question which is agitating the minds of many people today is this: Will it ever be found that authentic science contradicts the Bible? The possibility of this seems to be a nightmare to many timorous Christians. I believe that God is the God of all truth, whether scientific or theological. Every fact in all branches of science was before Him and perfectly well understood by Him when He inspired holy men of old to write the Bible. A Bible inspired by the spirit of a God of infinite wisdom and goodness would not contain a single statement which contradicts one single fact in any field of science which man can ever discover. Let all honest men delve as far as they can into every branch of science, discover every fact they can discover, and express these facts to the world, and apply them to the relief of the sufferings of man and toward his highest development, and when they have gone the utmost limits, reached the outermost bounds to which their minds or even their imaginations can carry them, there they will find God going on out to limitless distances beyond the possible flight of their minds and into richer, deeper truths than they had ever imagined. They will also discover that all they have found and can find which is true, will be in perfect harmony with the revealed word of God. Let us not grow uneasy. Let us refuse to support by our taxes or our gifts any teacher who attempts to give to our young people as science, one iota of unproven theory. Let us keep close to God in thought and in conduct and be ever true to Him and we will be safe from confusion and shame, both now and ever more.

I crave this personal word in conclusion. I have studied science under Dr. W. L. Petite of Wake Forest College, and a so-called science under George Berhman Foster in the University of Chicago, but I can honestly say with the utmost sincerity, that I have never doubted the truth of the Bible for one moment. I have seen my school mates give up their faith and flounder in doubt and atheism and then return to their stand on the Rock of Ages. I have always insisted that before they asked me to leave my stand on the proven eternal foundations of God, that the new basis on to which they would have me come must at least be proven not to be a foundation of quick-sand. I have insisted on much more than this, but this alone was more than they were able to assure. The Word of God taught me by my mother has been my stay and comfort every day of my life and one day, through the riches of grace, I shall see His face and be in His likeness. This hope will keep me true to Him and to His holy word in spite of all that the critics can do.

## PRESENT SITUATION IN CHINA

T. F. McCrea

(Continued from last week)

I will give here two samples of the demands that are being made upon our educational work by the government school students and former mission school students who have left the mission schools because of the agitation.

In the China Press for Sept. 30 is a dispatch from Wuchang, the capital of Hupeh Province, telling of serious troubles in various mission schools in that region, in one of which the Chinese police had to be called in to put down a student riot, and summing up the demands of the students on the school authorities as follows:

"First, they demand that the Academy, as well as all mission schools, should be registered in the Ministry of Education and abide by all regulations governing Chinese schools. Secondly, they said the school should abolish their Christian teachings and church services and rites, and the study of the Bible should be discarded altogether."

In the China Press for October 4 is a dispatch from Foochow, the capital of Fukien Province, saying that the Fukien Students Union is doing everything in its power to break up all mission schools in that province, through intimidation and other methods, and the Chinese are past masters at that sort of thing. They are making the following demands upon the Missions that control and finance these schools:

1. All teachers employed by mission schools must have the approval of the Fukien Students Union.
2. All students in mission schools shall have complete liberty to go and come as they choose.
3. All mission schools must register with the Government and be subject to the regulations of the Ministry of Education.
4. The presidents or principals of all mission schools must be of Chinese nationality.
5. No Bible courses shall be taught and attendance at religious exercises must be purely voluntary.

The Mission schools in this district have thus been brought face to face with an unprecedented situation and apparently must accept the demands, make compromises, or be reduced to the very minimum from the standpoint of students, or close their doors completely."

This is the present situation in large parts of of China as regards our mission schools, and if these demands are acceded to in any part of the country they will have to be agreed to in all parts in the present state of Chinese public opinion. This is the pass to which the education-first policy has brought us in this great mission field. Our evangelistic church training program is almost moribund because we have put so large a proportion of our mission funds and missionary force into the education of heathen boys and girls. And now we face the grave danger of having our schools practically taken from our control and all Christian teaching forbidden. In face of this situation a few missionaries have already closed their schools and left the field. Many others say they will do the same thing before they will accede to these unreasonable demands.

And now I come to consider another fatally weak spot in our present mission methods. And that is the failure to establish strong native churches because we have pauperized them by the use of too much foreign money in our work.

I cannot bring this matter before you more forcefully than by telling of the great shock that came to our whole North China Mission a few weeks ago when it became known that one of the strongest men in our mission has sent his resignation to the Foreign Mission Board because he is not willing to carry on the work any longer with our present mission methods. He has been on the field for twelve years, is a man of splendid education, being a Doctor of Theology of our Louisville Seminary, and has been in a station where very large sums of mission money have been used to subsidize the native churches. After



watching the results of this mistaken policy he is convinced that our present policy is disastrous to the spiritual life of the Chinese Christians and feels that the situation is so hopeless that the only thing our Board can wisely do is to cut off all subsidies at once and call the foreign missionaries home and give what real Chinese Christians we have a chance to develop their own Christian and institutional life. In his letter of resignation to the Board which he has circulated throughout the mission he declares that our present methods have long outlived their usefulness, have resulted in the pauperizing of the Chinese churches, and in short has made practically the same criticisms of our mission methods which I made in my circular letters written before he came to China.

All these things in the present situation demand a review of our mission work and mission methods in China. I agree with this fellow-worker of mine that our present methods have long outlived their usefulness, and I am glad that not only this man but many other members of our mission are coming around to the same opinion. Some of the strongest members of this mission have assured me recently that while they disagreed with my position twelve years ago they now realize, as one expressed it, "that you were absolutely right all the time."

But I do not agree to his proposal that all the missionaries should be called home at once. Our mission methods must be corrected as rapidly as possible, and he may be right in his opinion that the only thing to do is to stop all subsidies at once and throw the native churches on their own resources and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, a leadership which we have usurped too long. But the day of the missionary, in my opinion, is not finished, if we return to the program of the Great Commission as Dr. Pierce is advising our Northern Baptist brethren to do.

As he says, we must major on evangelism and when you remember that it would take the unsaved people of China twenty-two months to march by a given point at the rate of twenty-five thousand to the hour you will realize that there is a mighty field for warm-hearted and soul-loving evangelists still in China.

The second part of our program, as it is the second part of the Great Commission, must be the training of our long neglected Chinese churches in the Word of God. This is one of the most crying needs in China today, by the common consent of all our missionaries. They love to have the Bible taught to them. They are hungry to have the Bible taught to them. I have taken three different groups of Chinese Christians, the Tengchow church, the evangelists and teachers of the Laiyang County field, and the Chefoo church, through the Book of Ephesians in late years and they were eager and even pathetic in their enjoyment of this teaching in God's Word.

The third part of our program must be to eliminate the present large proportion of heathen students in our mission schools, if the Chinese leave us any mission schools, and confine our educational work principally to our Christian constituency, a thing we should have done from the beginning.

And a fourth and most important part of our new program, which is only a return to the program of the Great Commission, must be intercessory prayer. The whole present situation demands that we all cry aloud to God for help, for wisdom, for knowledge of his will, for willingness to do his will, prayer for the Chinese Christians, prayer for the vast multitude of unsaved people in China.

Thank God that while our own present man-made program has miserably failed, our Lord left us His program in the Great Commission, the Holy Spirit owned and blessed it in apostolic days, He has owned and blessed it on the modern mission field in Korea, Burmah, South China and other mission lands, and he will again own and

bless it when we are ready to give up our own plans and return to Christ's plan.

An Englishman in New York announces that he has devised an electrical machine by which sound is transmitted into light. If it will work, many churches will wish them installed in their pulpits. He also says he can change light into music and into color. He is the same man who claims to have invented the "death ray" by which an army can be exterminated in a moment. We rejoice that he is putting his ingenuity to better use.

## THE PASTOR FEEDING THE SHEEP

By Eldridge B. Hatcher

Printed by request of the recent meeting at New Albany of the Ministers' and Laymen's Conference.

Christ speaks of his disciples as his sheep, and he tells Peter to feed them. "Feed my lambs, shepherd my sheep and thirdly, feed my weak sheep." Pastors must do this feeding. It was a pastor, Timothy, to whom Paul said, "Feed the church of God". The sheep belong to Christ for he said, "Feed my sheep". We are to consider, therefore, the pastor in his work of feeding a flock of Christ's sheep.

The food which he gives is spiritual food. "How's the new pigs?" asked farmer Brooks of Bennie who was standing by the pen. "They're very well; how's all your folks?" The lad put folks and pigs on the same level. Pastors are often tempted to forget that their congregations have spiritual natures hungering for spiritual food. "Let all husbands with something on their mind stand up", said a speaker on matrimony and all stood up except one man. "Good", said the speaker. "I am glad to see one husband with mind free and happy". "But stop", said the man, "I'm paralyzed". And there are churches and pastors suffering from the same disease. Remember, pastor, that many of your sheep do not know where to get their food, nor how to get it, nor what kind they need. I have seen terrible war-pictures of oriental peoples starving and dying, but a kodak picture of some starving congregations for whom the pastor provided no spiritual nourishment, but rather sawdust banquets and hot air, would be a far more gruesome sight.

But what is the food? It is the Word of God, the Great Shepherd Himself having declared that man must live not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. The Word of God, therefore, is the food. Christ lived his life absolutely within the realm of God's word, fulfilling or living out daily the Old Testament. Christ said Himself, "The words that I speak are spirit and life". That is, His words are life and it is the word eaten and digested that becomes our spiritual food and that sustains and builds up the spiritual life. "Thy words were found", said Jeremiah, "and I did eat them and they were the rejoicing of my heart".

What was the work of the apostles? It was that of feeding the early Christians upon the Word, for they left off serving material tables that they might give themselves to the serving or ministry, of the Word. Notice that Paul said to the Ephesian elders: "Feed the church of God" and "I commend you to the word of his grace which is able to build you up."

Therefore, O pastor, give your members the Bible. Many do not care for it. When, during the war, a call was made for books for the soldier boys little Charley held his hand up saying they could have his 'rithmetic, and there are many members who might as well say the same about their Bible. They never read it. Ask your congregation next Sunday where the book of Hezekiah is and half of them will say the Old Testament. Little Mary on returning home from church told her papa that the preacher's text was "Ye cannot serve God and mamma" and many older people are equally as ignorant

of the scriptures as Mary. They get so little Bible food from us preachers. When the teacher in talking about kindness to animals asked her scholars to quote a Bible passage showing that it was wrong for example, to cut off a dog's tail a boy called out, "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder". Not much spiritual nourishment there, you indignantly say. But how much did your members get from you last Sunday?

The artist declared that he worked for eternity, and so also may the faithful pastor say of himself. The piano note ceases when you raise your finger, but your Bible notes, once started, sing on forever. "A perfect life", says Dr. Morgan, "is simply the living out of the words of the Bible, for man must live by every word of God." What a delight to a pastor is the sight of his members ever growing in grace under his nourishing Bible ministry.

Tell me, is your pastorate a success? Yes, you say, for I received 1,000 members last year. But are you succeeding? Sure, you say, for we are building a half million structure. But is your shepherd task a success? Not if you are allowing Christ's sheep to go hungry. Are you and your church merely pinning flowers upon each other? Ah, when flatterers meet, the devil goes to dinner, says the proverb, and verily when pastor and church merely pat each other on the back the devil goes to sleep.

But you say, "No, I am not succeeding. Nothing goes right with my work. My church is worldly and my deacons hostile. I resist the devil and he flies from me, but I resist my deacons and they fly at me." Or maybe you say, "Alas, some of my women are giving me trouble." A gambler on his deathbed asked the preacher if he was not afraid to meet the king of terrors and his reply was, "Well, I have been living with the queen of terrors for forty years and I guess I can stand the king." Whatever be your trouble here is the key—this heavenly volume. As the rising sun melts all the mists beneath it, so will this book scatter your obstacles if it is rightly used.

But never forget that the Bible must be TAUGHT, not read, but taught. God said to Israel concerning the scriptures which he had given them, "Thou shalt teach them", and this he repeats again and again.

A vast need today is that the Bible be explained to the masses of our people.

I had my soul shaken to its depths when three years ago as pastor at Blue Mountain, I asked, by a questionnaire, the pupils in the Woman's College and the Academy and our public schools to write down their greatest difficulty in the way of their enjoying the Bible and three-fourths of them wrote that it was because there was so much in the Bible that they could not understand, and I realized that I was reading the Bible Sunday by Sunday with the bulk of my congregation not understanding much of what was read. We must teach them—or to use Christ's term—we must feed them and feeding includes teaching and much more.

How then shall the pastor feed his people with the Bible?

First—and Oh, it should be thundered—he must first feed himself with the Bible. The highest success of his ministry depends on his own personal feeding on the word. His entire religious life is rooted in such personal Bible feeding. If he gets along without it, so also will his members. The pastor may expound the Scriptures in so-called expository sermons. He may quote Scripture ad infinitum in his preaching and his visitation, but it will be mere intellectual gymnastics, with sheep hungering and starving, unless he himself is living daily with the light and strength which he draws from the Word. There is a so-called study of the Bible with concordance, dictionary and commentaries which does not touch the real matter. Unless the pastor's heart is nourished regularly by the

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us for a change. If you do not send in your renewal your  
name will be dropped from the list. Obituary notices, whether direct or in the form of resolutions  
of 100 words, and marriage notices of 25 words, inserted  
free. All over these amounts will cost one cent a word,  
which must accompany the notice.

O. P. Bently, once pastor at Durant, has recently accepted a call to Lurline, Ala.

Pastor A. K. DeBlois of Boston becomes associate editor of The Watchman-Examiner of New York.

The Baptist Book Store of Jackson has a fine stock from which you may select a Christmas present.

The Methodists are building a good church house in Clinton on one of the best lots in town, having sold their old lot to Halman College.

There are two district associations in Louisiana which have the Baptist paper in every home in every church in the association.

Did your church make the canvass this week for the 1926 Budget? If not you have another chance. Get it in before Christmas.

A Baptist preacher is offering a piano for sale cheap that he may keep his daughter in college. The Record will give needed information on inquiry.

T. T. Martin and I. R. Dean report that George F. Washburn has been chosen leader of the fundamentalist forces of America, to succeed Hon. Wm. Jennings Bryan.

It is said that one-sixth of all Baptists in New Mexico are subscribers to their state paper; in Louisiana one-seventh; in Florida one-sixth. In Mississippi, ask us privately.

Pastor W. B. Holcomb has resigned at Wesson, it is reported, and will locate at Brookhaven. He has proved one of the most capable church leaders for many years. He has given also two sons to the ministry.

Miss Mittie K. Haley left \$20,000 by her will to build a Sunday School Annex to the church at Newton, Ala., of which E. H. Garrott is pastor. Think of it, in Mississippi you are forbidden by the State Constitution to do that.

Dr. Ben Cox of Central Church, Memphis, has just issued a tract with the title, "If Jesus Was the Son of Joseph, What Then?" The person of Jesus is the pivot of the Christian religion, and this discussion will be strengthening to faith.

Dr. B. D. Gray writes that Dr. J. W. Beagle has been chosen by the Home Mission Board as successor to Dr. B. C. Henning, Superintending the work among Foreigners, Indians, Negroes and Deaf Mutes.

By a majority the Supreme Court of Mississippi decided that a bottling company was not responsible for sickness caused by drinking its

product containing "a great many more than the usual number of dead flies", because the bottle of juice was bought on Sunday.

Dr. James Asa White, who went from Mississippi to the Louisville Seminary several years ago, became General Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. A., with headquarters in Chicago, later President of Colorado Woman's College, has now become pastor at Berkeley, Cal.

Mr. Wm. Horace Headrick and Miss Muriel Simmons were married November 21st. Their home is in Laurel. The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Bryan Simmons of Learned and has been active in school work and church work. These young people are worthy of the best.

Any church desiring a Financial Secretary, Pastor's Assistant, or Director of Young People's work, will please make it known to the writer who is in position to put you in touch with one desiring such a position.

—R. B. Gunter.

Virginia Baptists adopted a slightly changed ratio of distribution for the 1926 Program in denominational gifts. Of the Southwide objects Foreign Missions will get 60 per cent; Home Missions, 22 per cent; Christian Education, 10 per cent; New Orleans Hospital, 1 per cent; Ministerial Relief and Annuity, 7 per cent.

Rev. P. C. Barnett has resigned as Home Board Missionary to the Choctaws in Mississippi and located as pastor at Forest, La. His work among the Indians will be taken up by Brother S. E. McAdory, who goes from Schambersville to Union for that purpose.

Dr. D. M. Nelson and Dr. J. L. Johnson made a visit recently to New York to lay before the General Education Board the needs of the Woman's College and the opportunity for profitable investments in its further endowment. They were courteously received and encouraged.

The Divinity School of the University of Chicago expects to enroll about 98 Baptist students throughout the year, and about the same number of Methodists, besides students from nearly 30 other denominations. The Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in the same city has a larger number of Baptist students. It is a new conservative institution.

About the only objection we have ever heard to putting The Baptist Record into the church budget is that there are some who will not read it. If that were a good reason, there would be no Sunday School literature distributed among the people, for it will be found that twice as much of that is unused. But some seed falls into good ground.

The Sunday School Board is ever alert and aggressive, looking out for new needs to supply and new instruments of service. It has just issued an abbreviated edition of Dr. McDaniel's book, The People Called Baptists. This is a study book, intended as one of those to be used in The Sunday School Teachers' Training Course, and is sure to find popular favor and to be greatly useful.

Dr. W. A. Jordan of Central Church, New Orleans, sends love to his Mississippi friends wishing to be remembered in their prayers. He is just beginning his tenth year as pastor in New Orleans. He highly commends the work of the Milne Home in that city. It is for feeble minded girls. He is asking if some Mississippian will not give a good milk cow to the home, now greatly needed, as the home takes care of girls from Mississippi.

A pastor writes that a member of his church has given a diamond cluster to the denominational work, which is valued at \$75.00. Anyone wishing it at that price can get his address from The Baptist Record. There is also another member who offers a diamond solitaire set in platinum, value approximately \$1,200, which may be bought, the money to go to Christian work. The Record will furnish names to any inquirer.

Dr. O. O. Green, pastor at Hazlehurst, baptized 25 and received 17 by letter as a result of the recent meeting in which he was assisted by Dr. W. C. Reeves of Clarksville, Tenn., a preacher of superior merit. The pastor rejoices to see the work already begun for the new church building which will cost about \$100,000. He is experienced in church building and has the support of a most capable building committee.

According to a recent issue of Vox Studentium, international student publication, of sixteen practices which the Texas students were asked to arrange in order of their deadliness, sex irregularity came first, then, in order, stealing, cheating, lying, drinking, gambling, vulgar talk, Sabbath-breaking, swearing, gossip, selfishness, idleness, snobbishness, extravagance, smoking, and dancing. There was a striking similarity in the rankings given by men and women, the first seven misdemeanors being identical, with only minor variations in the rest. The same test was given students of other colleges, with practically the same results, except that in northern universities, Sabbath-breaking was placed in the fourteenth or fifteenth place, while at the University of Texas it was eighth.—Ex.

## THE PREACHER AND HIS BIBLE

In this week's Record is published a part of the address by Dr. Hatcher on Feeding the Sheep. The rest will be published later. It is worthy of reading by everybody and especially by preachers. It is a timely and much needed subject of discussion and presented in an interesting and forceful way. And yet there is room for more writing and more thinking along this line. Indeed there is no subject that needs to be more seriously considered right now than the preacher and his Bible.

The Bible is the great storehouse of God's truth, and the preacher is God's interpreter and caterer of the truth to the souls of men. In all seriousness and in deep pain we speak the truth when we say that the masses of our people are not getting what belongs to them, and the preachers are primarily responsible. There is too little Bible preaching by the most of us. Jesus prayed for his people, saying, "Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth". A holy life, a strong, vigorous Christian life, a useful, wholesome, serviceable life, is produced by the preaching and teaching and taking in of the truth of God in His word.

Maybe some one will say that this lack in the pulpit is being made up by teachers in the Sunday School. We do not think so. There is better teaching in the Sunday Schools today than ever before; and better helps provided for those who wish to study the Sunday School lesson. But in the nature of the case the average Sunday School teacher is not in position to supply this need. There are exceptions. But the average teacher hasn't the time to make adequate preparation of the lesson each week. He hasn't the previous preparation in scholarship and general acquaintance with the Bible that enables him to teach with assurance and authority. The best he can do is to gather together such material as is at hand from other sources to help, arrange it in some sort of order and present it to his class on Sunday morning. Even this is much more than some of them do. But a preacher—well he ought to be different. He ought to make



a business of studying the Bible and of preaching it to others.

Verily there are preachers who think they are preaching when they are merely beating the air. We do not here refer to the mistaken notion of some who substitute noise for truth, or who make up in physical energy what they lack in spiritual dynamic. But we have in mind two classes of men who have a spoonful of truth in a pot full of soup; and another group who merely dish out to others what they have heard somebody else say, or have gotten from reading somebody's commentary or sermon.

This writer has no right nor desire to pose as an authority in preaching; and least of all is he setting up any new standards in homiletics. He is just saying what almost everybody knows who hears preaching and is interested in it. The worth of a sermon is measured not by its length or breadth or thickness, but by what the people carry away with them. Do they know more about God when the sermon is done? Do they have a fresher and more accurate conception of some scripture passage than before? Food is food, not by the bulk it displays but by the amount of protein and vitamins it carries. The word of God is living, and it is life giving. It makes alive, and preserves and enlarges life in us. It is the business of the preacher to present it in a way that is palatable and digestible. But above all let him be sure that it is the Word of God he is preaching. The people will know the difference. My sheep hear my voice. Ye have an anointing from the Holy One and all know.

Much so-called preaching is just passing on what we have picked up from somebody else. It has never even been through our minds so as to take or give any color from or to them. It is something we have bought at the baker's shop and maybe warmed over. The hurry age in which we live makes many a preacher's equipment for ministering to his people merely a can opener and a few paper plates. They open a can of beans and pass it around on Sunday. Now that is better than starvation; but there is great danger of producing scurvy.

We can only preach what has gone into our own minds and souls. In a true sense a preacher can preach only his own experience; and it must not be a warmed over experience. Paul says, "Whether prophecy let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith", that is only so much as your own personal faith has appropriated; not just something good and clever, nor even true, which you have heard somebody else preach or teach. Some of our hearers will be asking, as Jesus did of Pilate, "Sayest thou this of thyself, or did others tell it thee concerning me?"

Now you won't get first hand knowledge of the Bible from reading commentaries and other people's expositions. They are mighty good and necessary in their places. Let no man despise them or neglect them. But there is only one way to get first hand knowledge of the Bible, and that is to read it devoutly, thoughtfully, for yourself. If we will get on our knees before God as we open his Book, He will open our eyes to behold wondrous things out of His law. God speaks to the individual soul. If our souls are laid bare to him, he will photograph his truth on our hearts and minds. "In thy light shall we see light."

Preaching that does not open up the storehouse of God's truth to the hearer is a disappointment and misfeasance in office. There are cows that feed on pine straw during the winter because their owners do not provide feed or pasturage. But they are sure to be very poor and apt to die in the spring. Do the people who feed on our preaching get their souls fed? Do they show vigor and health and Christian activity? Do they grow in grace because they grow in knowledge?

Does someone say that the people do not want to hear clear Bible teaching in the pulpit? That they demand something more entertaining? The

facts all seem the other way. In some places the hungry sheep look up and are not fed. The goats may go to the picture shows, but the sheep hear his voice. As these lines are written there is in progress in the city of Jackson a series of expository lectures on several books of the Bible under the auspices of the Presbyterian churches. Day and night the crowds go to hear the word—through the week, leaving their homes and their business. Yes they will come to hear us if we know how—and are willing to pay the price in work and prayer to prepare for it.

Abe Martin says, "The prize optimist is the feller who still pays dues in the Bartenders' Union".

Oklahoma Baptists propose to raise \$500,000 in 1926 for denominational work, \$300,000 of which is to go for the debts on their institutions and boards.

Miss Helen F. Samain of Biloxi sends an account of the housewarming given in the new house for Pastor S. G. Posey at Biloxi, which will appear next week. Those people have moved far toward the front.

The church at Sardis on last Sunday extended a call to Brother M. A. Treadwell of Bauxite, Ark., and he will probably begin his work with them Jan. 1st. He is an alumnus of Mississippi College and of the Southwestern Seminary, and was for a short while a missionary in Japan.

Dr. Russell H. Conwell, pastor of Grace Church, Philadelphia, died last Sunday. He was best known by his lecture, "Acres of Diamonds", which had been delivered thousands of times, and from which he had made hundreds of thousands of dollars, all used to educate young men and young women. He was also the head of Temple College in Philadelphia. He was 82 years old.

## CONVENTION BOARD

The Convention Board of Mississippi Baptists is composed of one member from each district association nominated by his association and elected by the Convention. His term of office is three years. This board meets once a year for making appropriations, electing all its workers in every department and carrying out all the work according to the places and instructions of the Convention. This year the annual meeting will be held in Jackson as usual, on the 21st of December, beginning Monday evening at seven o'clock. The members of the Board are as follows: T. W. Young, W. B. May, D. W. Graham, J. T. Cooper, Wayne Alliston, I. B. Seale, W. L. McMullan, J. D. Ray, J. L. Low, H. R. Spight, R. A. Stingily, M. C. Vick, W. F. Smith, Jr., W. A. Sullivan, R. A. Kimbrough, A. C. Anderson, A. M. Nix, H. C. Steele, W. A. Roper, W. O. Carter, G. E. Denley, A. Ben Kelly, J. W. Hicks, W. W. Stockstill, J. E. Kinsey, Tilden Pryor, W. O. Blount, G. D. Weatherall, H. D. Wilson, A. L. Emerson, J. D. Franks, J. P. Harrington, A. S. Johnston, E. H. Marriner, W. A. Borum, W. N. Taylor, E. E. Hall, D. M. Russell, J. L. McMillon, C. E. Welch, E. K. Cox, H. W. Shirley, H. B. Williams, J. J. Mayfield, V. B. Tucker, J. W. Hudson, W. T. Darling, W. A. McComb, J. F. Brock, L. D. Bassett, O. G. Cearley, J. W. Quinn, W. L. Harvey, Joe Walley, O. L. Kimbrough, Jr., J. E. Ham, J. B. Quin, J. E. Cranford, A. T. Cinnamon, B. S. Vaughan, B. E. Phillips, M. P. L. Love, D. I. Purser, J. A. Taylor, J. M. Walker, H. L. Watts, W. E. Lee, R. Q. Leavell, R. L. Wallace, M. S. Daugherty, and J. D. Fulton.

A man runs a risk of injuring his own soul when he prays for an institution and fails to give his money to it. He runs a risk of doing harm to the institution if he gives to it and does not accompany his gift with a prayer for it.

## CONVENTION BOARD DEPARTMENT

### Finish the Canvass by Sunday Night

The churches got a good start last Sunday on the every member canvass. The weather was favorable and the people were ready. Reports are good. It is very important that the canvass be completed by next Sunday night. Let the churches report to the county organizer, or the one who sent pledge cards out, Monday in order that he may report to this office. The State Board meets December 21st at 7 P. M.

### Sunday, December 27th

This is the day of all days in the year. It is the day of the final appeal for the completion of the 1925 work. Every man should be in his place. Every cent of the pledges should be collected and an offering obtained from every member. One saying of Christ is always impressive: "I have finished the work that thou gavest me to do". Another expression is also important: "He hath done all things well". We trust that this may be said of every church and of every member at the close of the day, December 27th.

### Let There Be No Misunderstanding

There are those who felt that the writer's article in the Baptist Record might leave the impression that brethren who were in favor of making December 27th a special day for Foreign Missions were not loyal to the Unified Program. This was never in the mind of the writer. He takes pleasure in correcting any impression in that direction. The brethren who were in favor of this day for Foreign Missions are among the most loyal members we have. We do not know of a single person in the State who has worked contrary to his understanding of the action of the State Convention. We have never known of a finer spirit manifested than has been manifested since our Convention. The Convention itself was considered by those present as one of the very best ever held. It is gratifying to know that we are together and that we are going forward. Let everybody continue to say that 1926 is going to be our greatest year.

Brother B. L. Owen of Columbus recently made a bequest of \$250 to Muscle Shoals Baptist Association in Alabama as an endowment for mission work in that Association. His father, F. C. Owen, gave the same amount for a similar purpose 68 years ago. Thus do good men perpetuate their memory and their ministry to the good of the world and the glory of God.

## DR. J. W. BEAGLE BECOMES DR. B. C. HENING'S SUCCESSOR

B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary

Our Home Mission Board was greatly grieved over the loss of Dr. B. C. Henning as Superintendent of the work among the Foreigners, Indians and Negroes. For some months the Board waited in the hope that Dr. Henning's health might justify his return to his work. But when it was manifest that he could not resume his work the Board prayerfully set about to secure another man.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the brotherhood that Rev. J. W. Beagle, D.D., for several years connected with our Enlistment Department, has been elected as successor to Dr. Henning and will enter upon his work January 1, 1926. Brother Beagle brings to this task large experience in denominational work, special familiarity with our Home Mission activities and splendid poise of judgment and untiring energy and whole-hearted consecration to this great service.

The entitlement of this Department has been changed to "Independent and Direct Missions", comprehending the work among Foreigners, Indians and Negroes, the Deaf Mutes, Work among the Jews and Soldiers and Seamen.

The Board is very fortunate in securing Brother Beagle for this important work.



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Bible as food, then he cannot feed others. O happy that pastor who can shut himself in with this volume. I am having the time of my life exploring this Book and seeking to unveil a little of its marvelous beauty and glory to others. I almost envy a young pastor with a long life ahead of him in which to drink deep of this fountain, to roam endlessly through this vast temple, gaze daily upon the pictures in this wondrous art gallery, sit enthralled before this moving picture watching the great drama of the ages. O the privilege and luxury of it. Pastor, here is your challenge. Are you able to live daily on this Bible and in this Bible. Your church and community are crying now for its nourishment and inspiration. But they know not how to get it. You must show them not merely by speech, but chiefly by your example. You must feed yourself upon it and then as you come forth nourished and radiant they will learn how.

It was a young pastor, Timothy, to whom Paul wrote that he must be a good minister nourished up in the teaching. We need some great Bible School where our young preachers may spend three or four years studying and learning to feed upon the Bible, with the Bible alone as the text book. Think of taking a three years' course in the Psalms. Think of a young preacher on graduation day with his soul ablaze with the Scriptures. Would that I had known at the beginning of my ministry something of the fascination, the wonder and the glory of this banquet book for the soul. George Muller, that mighty saint of God, himself a pastor, tells how he would meditate on the Bible daily for his own personal growth. "I began therefore," he writes, "to meditate on the New Testament from the beginning early in the morning. The first thing I did after having asked, in a few words, the Lord's blessing upon his precious Word, was to begin to meditate on the Word of God searching as it were into every verse to get blessing out of it; not for the sake of preaching on what I had meditated upon, but for the sake of obtaining food for my own soul. The pastor must separate between his study of the Bible for texts and sermons, and his study of the Bible for himself. The two will not mix, and this personal Bible-feeding must be as regular as the feeding of your body, and that is, daily, and I go a step further and say it must become a habit. Almost everything depends on whether such daily Bible feeding ceases to become an effort and becomes a habit. As long as such daily Bible feeding becomes a debatable question; as long as it is done irregularly; as long as one has to whip or remind himself in order to keep it up, so long he is not fully prepared for feeding the sheep. In an unhealthy town in Michigan they rang a bell every day at twelve o'clock for everyone to take a dose of quinine. Do you need a daily bell, brother pastor, to call you to your Bible? But some one asks, what shall be the method of one's daily Bible feeding. Far more important than the method of study is the spirit of study. The right spirit in study will usually create the right method. One may try the steady reading of the Bible on and on through the entire book. Or he may treat the Gospels as a moving picture in which he sees Christ's soul in action, and as he looks he watches that great divine heart as it throbbed with hope and fear, with love and anger, joy and sorrow. Keep your mind filled with the Bible's pictures. Be ever rolling its passages as sweet morsels under your tongue, or be flashing their light upon your path, ever breathing their spirit, and meditating upon them; ever having some Bible verse, or incident or portrait glowing in your mind, purifying your thoughts, firing your imagination, warming your heart and filling your soul with its light and beauty. Do your thinking in terms of Scripture. Use the Bible as your eye glasses through which you look at

people, at history, at world current events, at the future. Always when not better employed be chewing (or meditating) upon some Bible passages, or be having it hanging as a lamp over your path.

Now may I mention your highest privilege in feeding upon the Bible. It is that of listening to God as he speaks to you a special message through the Word. Possibly some of you read in a magazine the story of what happened to a business man. He tells it himself, how on the same day his beloved wife died, his business crashed into ruin, and other troubles crowded in upon these. The man was well nigh crazed. "Everything," said he, "seemed to be giving away under me with no way for me to look for help. I went off into a room and flung myself into a chair, with my soul frantic when God spoke to me the words, 'Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.' Don't ask me how I know it was God speaking to me. All the infidels and atheists on earth could not touch my assurance that it was God who spoke those words to my bleeding heart." Is not this marvelous fact about the Bible largely overlooked today—that while the Bible is two or three thousand years old, yet God uses it as his language in which to speak today fresh up-to-date messages to individual hearts. Dr. Saphir says that it is just as if God takes the words of Scripture back into his lips and uses them with which to speak fresh appropriate, modern messages to individual hearts today. The biographer of the great Dr. John Duncan of Scotland says that the scriptures were to Dr. Duncan as his Father's voice, and that he came to the Bible in the spirit of the child, Samuel,—"Speak Lord for thy servant heareth".

Our part is, with open Bible, to listen to God. But, ah! there's the rub. Listening—the rarest and most difficult and highest act of the soul today—listening to God through the Word. The supreme art in Bible study is listening. We expect God to listen to us whenever we call—night or day, and he does, even inclining his ear that he may catch our faintest whisper. But with what difficulty does he secure our attention. "Oh! that my people had hearkened unto me", he says again and again in the Bible. I doubt whether we ever reach a loftier level in life than when we are listening to God through the Scriptures. When you would hear a long distance telephone message you have the room quiet and your mind empty and then you listen with every faculty strained for the message from the other party. Can you in some quiet spot, day by day, with the Bible as a telephone with God at the other end wishing to speak to you,—can you empty your heart and mind, and amid absolute silence of soul as you begin to read say, "Speak Lord for thy servant heareth". You will then get God's message for you. It is not the Bible that speaks to us. It is a living ever-present God that speaks to us through his Bible. We do not go to the Bible for comfort but to God who speaks comfort to us through the Bible. As the pastor in these sacred moments gets God's messages through the Word day by day, he must, feed upon them, assimilate them and live them out in daily experience.

So much for the pastor feeding himself, but what about his direct feeding of the sheep. First before the pastor can feed the sheep he must love Him who is the owner of the sheep, for three times He asked Peter if he loves Him before He finally commissioned him to feed his sheep. A pastor writes that he aims to make his church a great Bible college, with every sub-organization a department in the school. Good—provided by teaching the Bible he means teaching the people to incorporate the Bible in their lives. One never learns the Bible truly except as they act it out in their experience. The old

saint with the letters T. P. written on the margin of many passages in his Bible explained it by saying that those were passages which he had tried out and proven in his daily living. He knew these passages by experience. How many T. P. passages can you mark in your Bible? Mrs. Jones said she DID believe in the doctrine of laying on of hands because she had tried it on her little boy Jamie for smoking cigarettes and it had cured him of it. She knew the truth of it by experience—and so did Jamie—alas. How then can a pastor with his own life richly nourished by his daily feeding and with great love for the divine owner of the sheep—how can he feed the sheep? First through his public pulpit reading of the Scriptures. That moment is the imperial moment in his week's ministry. When he opens that Bible for reading he thereby summons that congregation to put themselves in listening attitude. He thereby announces that God is about to speak, and just as the stained glass window consists of mere bits of glass until the sun shines upon them, so the pulpit Bible reading is merely the utterance of empty words from the printed page until Jehovah is heard through them. If you find it difficult in your own personal devotion to gain absolute quiet of soul for listening to God, what think you of the public Sunday hearing? Can you induce that congregation to pull down the curtain of their eyes and to empty their minds and hearts for listening reverentially, almost excitedly for a message from God—each for himself. Think of a congregation amid awful stillness, with souls strained and hushed at the thought that God is about to speak! Hark! The preacher begins to read—slowly, distinctly,—as each word falls upon sensitive ears. They are listening not to the words, but to a voice back of the words or in the words that is speaking directly to them and which they are trying to hear. As the passages sound from the preacher's lips each listening soul is getting its own message and people go home afterwards saying God indeed spoke to me today, and they ought to feed upon and build up their lives upon the truth received. (Continued Next Week)

### SCHOLARSHIP FOR SALE

The Baptist Record has a \$100.00 scholarship in the Draughon's Business College, Jackson, and will be glad to dispose of it to anyone interested in attending this school. Address E. E. Ballard, Baptist Record, Jackson.

It is said that the Library Building of the Louisville Seminary has been sold for \$150,000. The new buildings will be ready for occupancy early in 1926.

Georgia Baptists will undertake to raise \$760,000 for denominational work in 1926, of which \$10,000 will go to their paper, The Christian Index. Mississippi's goal is \$700,000. They have 90 per cent more Baptists in Georgia than we have in Mississippi.

"I had rather die leaving nothing to my boy but his religion, than to die leaving him a fortune and no religion". If a preacher had said that you wouldn't think much of it, would you? But it wasn't a preacher, it was Edgar A. Guest in the American Magazine. He is one of the most popular American poets.

A pastor in Lexington, Ky., says that "almost every country church in the Blue Grass, the richest part of the state of Kentucky, has come to the place where it is compelled to depend on mission funds for the support of its own work." Whereupon the editor of News and Truth says the churches need suckering instead of succoring. That is they are depleted in strength by so many subsidiary organizations which are drawing the life away from the church.



## Budget Department

By J. S. Deaton, Director of Stewardship and Budget

"Every member of every church contributing every week to every cause, in proportion to his ability"

### The Need of Greater Vision

There is, it seems to me, an imperative need for an enlarged and growing vision on the part of many of our churches. The time is upon us to think in larger terms in Kingdom matters. We need to catch the outlines of a larger perspective. Many of our churches are suffering from spiritual myopia. They are unable to see beyond their own local interests. They have never caught the imperialistic vision. They have been looking through the glasses of the provincialist. They need to lift up their eyes upon a needy and sin-cursed world. Paul said, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision". His life of service indicates all that he had in mind when relating his experience to King Agrippa. Paul caught a vision of the whole world when he met Jesus on his way to Damascus. He declared the gospel at Damascus first, but he did not stop there. He went to Jerusalem and throughout all Judea, and also to the Gentiles. That is the divine order and that is our commission. We are to go into all the world with a whole gospel for the whole world.

A vision of the church's task is our first great need and requirement. When our people shall realize that the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ exist to save the world, and not primarily to minister to our own needs, as many and great as they are, a new day of progress and prosperity will dawn upon all our churches. We need to be delivered from selfishness in religion oftentimes as much so as we do in business matters. Selfishness in religion asked someone? Yes, there is a vast amount of selfishness in religion. We want to be ministered unto, rather than minister to. Our business is to minister to the needs of a suffering world. The business of a church is not to simply keep itself going. The business of a church is to extend the kingdom. The church that recognizes its mission and gives itself to it will not need to trouble about "keeping going". Life and new power will come upon it. It will grow and keep going because it is giving itself in sacrificial service. We live only by giving life away. "He that would save his life shall lose it" is as true of the church as of the individual.

We need an increased vision that can come only through an enlarged faith. It is always "according to your faith be it done unto you". Doubts get us nowhere. It is only by our positive faith that we shall move and impress the world. I come back to say that many of our churches are suffering from an impoverished conception of Christ. I am thinking now of that galaxy of heroes enumerated in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. They conquered and surmounted difficulties because they had a great faith in a great Christ. A man's power is always in proportion to his faith. Enlarged vision is the inevitable result of an enlarged faith. Our power of conquest is gone when we have lost faith in the gospel of Christ. Our vision fades in the light of a fading faith. We need to lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence our help cometh, our help cometh from Jehovah, which made heaven and earth. As we shall lift up our eyes to a great God, with a great faith in a great Christ, there shall come into our souls a great vision of the whole world that lieth in darkness.

May I suggest in closing this article that many of our churches need to consider very carefully and prayerfully the matter of distribution when they come to make up their Budget for the year. Does it not seem a bit selfish for us to give more to our own local needs than we do for other interests? Suppose we try one time giving as

much to objects outside our own local needs as we do to local needs. There are but few exceptions where we can not do this to the glory of God and the profit of every contributor. God helps those that help others. Don't cultivate a spirit of littleness in your church but lead them to see the needs of the whole world.

### News from the Field

Beginning on Thanksgiving evening we were with Pastor Owen and the 15th Ave. Church, Meridian, for four services. Dr. Owen and his church were in the midst of evangelistic campaign, making preparation for the Every Member Canvass for local and denominational causes. They put on the canvass Nov. 29th, and were trying to raise \$20,000.00 for all causes.

I wish to commend the method of Pastor Owen. There is no better way to prepare for the Every Member Canvass than through the evangelistic way. The prophet said "My people shall be a willing people in the day of my power". When the Spirit of the Lord is upon His church the people willingly offer themselves unto the Lord. Oh! that God's power would come mightily upon His people in these testing and trying days.

After our closing message Saturday morning the church voted to put on a county-wide Stewardship Institute, asking that I return during the month of January. Pastor Owen suggested that the homes of the people be thrown open and Secretary Solomon suggested that every pastor in the county be asked to attend and that homes be given them during the Stewardship Institute. No better investment could be made in our judgment than this. I trust every pastor and every county, all of our associations, think over this suggestion and in co-operation with the Director of this work put on county-wide Institutes. We must teach our people the Bible doctrine of Stewardship. It will take work, some one says. Yes, I do not know of anything worthwhile that doesn't take hard work, and it will be worth all the sacrifice that we are willing to put into it and will yield the largest dividend in Kingdom work of anything that I know of.

Going from here to Verona we spent the night with the amiable Brother Bucy. Sunday morning we motored to Guntown, where the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Lee County Association was meeting for the day. Brother Bucy being Chairman of the meeting called the house to order at 10 o'clock, song service being conducted by Brother Young, after which Pastor West brought a stirring and helpful message on evangelism in the Sunday School. We were greatly pleased with this message and feel that Pastor West sounded a note that should be emphasized in every Baptist church in the land.

The eleven o'clock hour having arrived, the meeting was turned over to the preaching service of the hour and the writer was asked to speak at this time. The house was filled and the singing was good and the people attentive and responsive to the gospel message. We spoke on Paul's conception of Christian Stewardship. The afternoon was given over to the 1926 Program and we were privileged to speak again. The people seemed interested and anxious about the Every Member Canvass and pledged themselves to do their best.

Tuesday afternoon found us on our way to Water Valley, where our long time friend, J. Gordon Lott, is the under shepherd. We spoke to the Water Valley saints both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, receiving a very cordial welcome by this noble church and its beloved

pastor. Pastor Lott is leading the church on to greater things, having set as their Budget for the 1926 Program \$10,000.00 to be divided on the basis of 60 and 40; 60% going to local causes and 40% to denominational causes. It seems to me that no church could well afford to give less than 40% to denominational causes. The exceptions should be very rare, and I seriously doubt if any church ought to give less than 40% of its total Budget to Kingdom causes. The Lord will honor the church as well as the individual, that honors Him and puts the Kingdom of God first in its thinking and planning.

### News from the Field

On Monday night Dr. R. A. Kimbrough spoke on "What It Takes to Be a Good Church Member"; Tuesday night the writer spoke on "Stewardship and the Budget" and on Wednesday evening "Finishing the Task"; Thursday evening Dr. Purser of Oxford was to speak and Friday evening Dr. M. O. Patterson of Clinton, thus making a series of five nights, all having special reference to the Every Member Canvass. It was the opinion of the pastor that they would reach their contemplated Budget, putting on the Canvass at the regular time.

We were delighted to meet our former friend and member of the church at Salem, Mo., during our pastorate there, Miss Kathleen Graves, whom we had the honor and happy privilege of baptizing into the fellowship of the Salem church in 1921. Miss Graves is a very excellent character; gifted in music and is now teaching a large class in Water Valley. May God greatly bless and use this noble woman for the extension of His Kingdom.

### GOD OR SELF

W. J. Epting

There is a tendency to use much of our time in the public assembly of the saints in telling "what great things we are doing for God"; this seems to be a reversal of God's order, for in Bible times they talked about "what great things the Lord is doing for us". When we take our eyes off of the Lord and begin to gaze in adoration at ourselves we are that very moment headed for defeat. In times of storm and unrest and transition some have had their calm repose disturbed because they trusted in circumstances and conformity of belief rather than the eternal verities of the BOOK and the atoning, reigning, returning Lord.

When Jesus came to the disciples walking on the water, Peter fixed his gaze on Jesus and started to him walking on the water, but he took his eyes off of Jesus and fixed them on the boisterous wind and waves and began to sink. Our victory is not in training, equipment, or human schemes, however good these may be, our victory is in Jesus and in loyalty to His unerring Word. Instead of scheming and straining to run God's business, we need a reconciliation that will permit God to run our business. The man who is more interested in taking care of his scholarship than he is in taking care of the Lord's cause is to be pitied. Scholarship is helpful to Christianity only when it produces greater reverence for the Christ of Calvary and greater loyalty to the revelation of His will revealed in the Book of BOOKS. We must never persuade ourselves into believing our job and the Lord's cause are one and the same thing; we are of little consequence, but Christ's cause is paramount. We have taken entirely too much responsibility upon ourselves in running the church, we have resorted too much to human wisdom and human organization and not depended enough upon the SPIRIT of GOD to direct in the affairs of God's Kingdom. What is needed most right now is less of men and more of GOD.



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### Everybody Giving to the Christmas Offering

The title for this article is one of five "slogans" which have been taken by the Woman's Missionary Union, in its effort to help the Foreign Mission Board to clear the debt on it of \$13,000.00 on or near December 27. The other four slogans are:

No personal gift greater than the gift for His sake.

Christmas clearing of the debt.

Total gifts to others balanced by gift to Him. Gifts all for Christ, children and charities.

At first and even final thought it may seem to be an unusually hard task to get every one of the 3,574,531 Southern Baptists to give this debt-clearing Christmas offering, but the very hope set before us is a challenge. Certainly it was not easy for the only begotten Son of God to come "out of the ivory palaces into a world of woe", but He did it that first Christmas morn and we have His admonition to be "perfect" even as He was and is. As one sets forth to reach as many as possible in telling of the need for this offering, it is strengthening to remember that He goes before that He works in and through us, that we can do all things through Him, that all things are possible with God, that the Holy Spirit will call to remembrance what should be said and that all the while the Saviour is interceding.

It is equally practical to remember the adage that "If a woman knows, she'll tell". Suppose that each W. M. U. member would tell only one person, it would mean that at least 539,810 Southern Baptists would know. Then, suppose that each of these gave on the average only \$5 per capita, it would mean an offering of \$2,699,050.00. You thus see the value of each W. M. U. member telling at least one other person and of making a very decided effort to get an offering from that person or from some other one. One of our state W. M. U. corresponding secretaries has made the additionally helpful suggestion that in many instances the "telling of" this Christmas offering plan may be the means of enlisting new members in the W. M. U. organizations among the women and young people. The one thus told will certainly want to be present when the offerings are ingathered and, if the program is attractively presented, attendance at subsequent meetings is apt to result. Most things are, like mercy, "twice blessed".

The following article from Miss Grace Wells of Chinkiang, China, is another argument for the largest possible offering at Christmas time. Please bring it to the attention of the "one you tell" and also of your society:

"What would it mean for our work here in Chinkiang if the Board were free from debt and we could hope for an expansion of the work? Look at these 'pictures' with me and you will see a little of what it will mean.

"First see Mr. Olive working single-handed in the boys' school. The small temporary buildings, that did as a makeshift four years ago until better ones could be built, are still in use and crowded to capacity. Why? Because he has no money yet to put up adequate buildings.

"Then see the Bible school in buildings that

several years ago were condemned by doctors as too unsanitary to use. Is Mr. Stamps to be blamed because whole families of the students are crowded into one small room?

"See the need for women trained to do Christian work and no place to train them. It is not lack of someone to do it, for Miss Yao trained in our W. M. U. Training School in Louisville is just marking time until we have a place to let single women live while they get their training. One fine young woman who wants to do Christian work was sent last week to a school the Presbyterians have some distance from here. Are we going to depend on other denominations to train our workers?

"See the many small children who play right around our church every day. See the nurse who takes care of the children of the Bible students while the mothers are in classes, six babies all crying and little toddlers fussing. Why can't we have a nursery and a kindergarten for them?

"These are only a few of the many problems that confront our work. Our hands are tied if the debt of the Board continues."

"Surely these 'pictures' will fire our imagination! Surely they and the love of Christ will constrain each of us this Christmas to 'give as much for Christian progress as for Christmas presents'."

—Kathleen Mallory.

### Have You Made Your Poster?

Have you made your Poster of The Star, for use in your society between now and the Week of Prayer?

One President has made hers. And here is her story.

She opened the letter from the Secretary, which contained the poster, suggestions, and the report cards, as well as the letter. She read the letter. Then she looked casually at the poster suggestions. And she said, "I will not do this. I think I should not urge my women to do more than they have planned to do for the Lottie Moon Offering, even though it is to be used this time for the Foreign Board Debt. There are so many calls; then Christmas is coming. I cannot urge them to do more than I am willing to do myself."

As she talked to herself, she continued to look at the little red star; and continued to read the suggestions.

As ideas always will do if we give them a chance, these began to "soak in." She is a woman who loves her Lord. She is devoted to His Cause. She gives her real self to her Society; so by and by she said, "I would not be asked to do this if it was not considered wise and helpful."

She began to work on her poster. And thus she expressed it later when telling about it: "With the formation of every letter, the thing grew upon me. I saw anew the great need of our Foreign Fields. I realized as I never have done the sufferings of our missionaries. I saw heathen Mothers with little children as precious to them as my own are precious to me, bowed down in such darkness as I could not begin to pierce with my feeble vision."

Later, as she stood before her Society, explain-

ing the poster, she who is considered a good speaker, spoke as she had never spoken before. Her message caught and held hearts that could not get away from her grip. The offering from that Society will be larger by far than ever before. Members of that Society have said to their husbands: "Give me the money we have been putting in Christmas gifts for each other and for the family this time. Let's make ours a Gift unto our Lord."

Again, Sister, have you made your poster of The Star?

### "Should a Society Have Dues?"

The office force is often asked to answer the above. We always remember that each Baptist Church is a separate and distinct Organization; and therefore makes its own rules. Societies follow the same line of working.

We believe that the paying of dues is not the wisest and best way of securing funds. We prefer free will offerings at all times. Some of our women find dues burdensome; yet they gladly bring an offering to the Work.

### Associational Standard of Excellence

(Re-printed by request of Vice-Presidents and Superintendents)

1. A regular associational organization with constitution, and officers, who will constitute the executive committee. This Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year.
2. Annual associational meeting, either with regular association, or with W. M. U. alone, and a report of woman's work printed in associational minute.
3. Four quarterly rally days each year, one of them being the annual associational meeting; rallies to be held by W. M. U. association as a whole or by zones, provided the association is divided into zones.
4. A missionary society and one auxiliary in three fourths of the churches of the association, the ideal being a full graded union in every church.
5. Regular reports to Associational, District and State officers.
6. The associational W. M. U. pledged to the State Co-operative Program, as its financial basis; pledged to the Tithe as its standard.
7. A fund provided for the W. M. U. associational expenses.
8. Shall encourage and nourish some special Personal Service Work, pertinent to the Association where possible.
9. At least one Mission Study Institute a year within the bounds of the association.
10. Messengers from three fourths of W. M. U. organizations at annual Associational and District Meetings; messengers from one-fourth W. M. U. organizations at Annual State W. M. U. Meeting.

Bethel, or Black Jack Church, Yazoo County, a once a month church, adopted a budget of \$850, to be divided equally between local and denominational work, including the Baptist Record. Pastor Bryan Simmons continues with them.



## B. Y. P. U. Department

"We Study That We May Serve"

Auber J. Wilds, Field Secretary

### Scott County B. Y. P. U. Meeting

The annual B. Y. P. U. meeting was held with the Forest Baptist Church Sunday, November 29th. At the morning Service Brother M. L. Meadows, pastor of the Harpersville Church, delivered a very forceful message on "The Relation of the B. Y. P. U. to the Church". He clearly emphasized the importance of the B. Y. P. U. as a vital factor in the progress of the church.

Naturally the noon hour was the social feature of the occasion. The genuine hospitality extended in the homes of the Forest people will be long remembered.

The afternoon program was varied and indeed inspiring. The Harpersville Seniors stressed the value of Consecration and Love. The Ludlow Juniors gave a very expressive program by enumerating the many blessings for which we should be thankful.

At the business session Miss Elizabeth Lasseter was elected County Director for the following year. A round table discussion concerning Standards and Ideals for B. Y. P. U. work was the closing feature of the day.

—G. L. White, Reporter.

### Something to Do for Christmas

We have not planned a general activity for all the B. Y. P. U.'s in the state for this Christmas, but we have a mighty good suggestion to make to the B. Y. P. U.'s that want to do something for somebody else and haven't yet decided what to do. If you will write to your State Secretary at Oxford he will be glad to give you a suggestion.

### A Good Thing for Pastors to Do

Recently there has been coming to us the report from B. Y. P. U.'s holding their Study Course with the pastor doing the teaching. We think that that is one of the finest ways at all for a pastor to come to know first hand his young people. Get them in a class and teach them a B. Y. P. U. Study Course book and you will be able to lead them out in the discussion and thereby find some hidden talents that you didn't know about. And then, what is a better work than that? If a pastor can train ten of his members to be efficient soul winners, he has multiplied his evangelistic powers ten times. Don't try to do it all yourself pastors, train your folks to help you.

### This Quarter Closes the Year

This quarter closes the year as far as our B. Y. P. U. work is concerned. That is in the contest as to which is the best B. Y. P. U. in the state. We will give banners at the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention in March to the

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Unions that have the best record as based on the reports for the four quarters from Jan. 1st to Jan. 1st. Our College Banner will be based on the record for the first six months of school, and we are going to give a banner this time for the best "General B. Y. P. U. Organization". This banner will be given on the basis of the points in the Standard of Excellence for The General B. Y. P. U. Organization.

### Write for Report Blank

If your church wants to compete for the banner that is to be given for the best "General B. Y. P. U. Organization" write us for a blank on which you will report your work. We take it that any church that has an organization good enough to justify them to compete for the banner will read this in the Record, and will act accordingly.

### Belmont B. Y. P. U.

"The members of the Belmont B. Y. P. U. gave a program on the evening of November 29, at the Baptist church. The quartet, Jewell Shook, soprano; Flossie Yarber, alto; Willard Hicks, tenor, and Prof. James Caldwell, bass, opened the program by singing, "Love Is the Theme". The members of both the Senior and Junior B. Y. P. U. gave the pageant, "Send the Light". Miss Edith Herring represented Miss America; Willard Hicks, Japanese girl; Flossie Yarber, Spanish girl; Overa Byram, American girl; Prof. Caldwell, a young man—a teacher; Thomas Teasley, ministerial student; Loyal Moore, an unsaved young business man of Belmont; and several candle bearers. After the pageant all the B. Y. P. U. members sang "Send the Light", then the quartet sang "Leave It There". The service was turned over to Bro. A. M. Nix, pastor of Belmont Baptist church. He gave a very interesting talk on Missions. We are glad to say a large crowd was present."

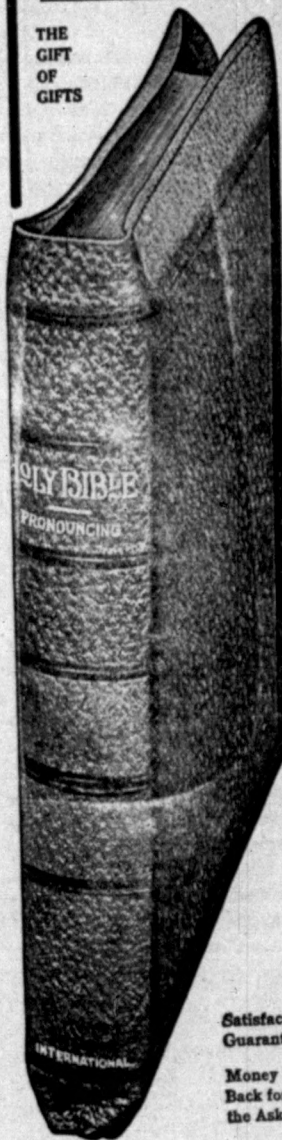
We are glad to have the above report from the Corresponding Secretary of the Belmont B. Y. P. U., Miss Overa Byram.

### First Church, Laurel, Elects Director

The First Church, Laurel, has elected Mrs. J. M. Furr as B. Y. P. U. Director, according to word just received from them. This church has had a Director for a long time, Mr. E. D. Hurst filling that place. We do not know why Mr. Hurst has resigned. He has served well in that place and loves the young people and they love him. We know there is some good reason for the change and we therefore welcome Mrs. Furr into our group of Mississippi B. Y. P. U. Directors.

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We will publish next week a list of the tracts including plays we have for free distribution. Watch for that number of the Record and order as many copies of each listed as you can use to advantage.

### A Course in B. Y. P. U.

#### Administration

Something new for us, a B. Y. P. U. Administration Course. The B. Y. P. U. Administration Diploma is given for the completion of the new book, "A General B. Y. P. U. Organization" and this diploma carries two seals, one for "Senior B. Y. P. U. Administration" by Flake, and one for "The Junior-Intermediate Leaders Manual" by Mrs. J. E. Lambdin. These two last mentioned books will be off the press by March 1st. We already have the first mentioned, "A General B. Y. P. U. Organization" and have been

teaching it in Mississippi and have awarded a number of diplomas already. Every pastor should study this book. We are moving forward in B. Y. P. U. Let's all go together.

### A New Junior B. Y. P. U. Study Course Book

We will have by March first a new Junior B. Y. P. U. Study Course Book, "Bible Heroes". This book will be welcomed by our Juniors and we will have it for use in Study Course Week in March. This gives us three books in our Junior Course, with others to follow.

### Drew Intermediates

On October 29th, the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. of Drew enjoyed the best social they have ever had. We met in the Intermediate Department of the church, and oh! the Jack-o-lanterns. The old witch was there, also the ghost, who was very tall and frightful looking. We had the old ugly cat and the ape who was very cross. After the excitement (Continued on page 13)



## Sunday School Department

By R. A. Venable

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON Dec. 13

Paul in Melita and Rome—Acts  
28:16-24; 30-31

1. The island where Paul and his fellow travelers escaped from the dismantled vessel was called Melita. It was early settled by the Phoenicians, but later came under Greek dominion and then passed in 238 B. C. into the hands of Rome and was included in the Province of Sicily. The inhabitants were highly civilized. They spoke the common Greek, the current language of the Roman Empire. They were not of Greek origin, but they were highly civilized. Luke does not mean when he called them "barbarians" that they were savages, he simply meant they were not of Greek origin. Though heathen and full of superstition, they treated the unfortunate travelers with uncommon kindness. They built a fire for these shipwrecked voyagers shivering in the blast of the wind and wet with the driving rain, and weak with hunger. A surprise awaited them in Paul's effort to replenish the fire around which stood the shivering forms of his companions in suffering, a viper came out of a bundle of sticks which he had laid upon the fire and fastened upon his hand. The natives expected Paul to fall down dead, supposing he was a murderer who had escaped justice and that vengeance had overtaken him in the bite of the viper. When Paul suffered no harm they concluded he must be a god. This circumstance invested Paul with a sanctity in the eyes of these hospitable islanders and a twofold benefit; one comfortable lodging for himself and his attendants the other an opportunity to hear the sick through the power of the Gospel.

2. Publius, the chief magistrate of the island, invited Paul and his attendants, Luke and Aristarchus, to share the hospitality of his home until they could procure lodging for themselves. In return for the gracious kindness of Publius, Paul healed his father of a malady which was prostrating and likely to be fatal. The healing of the sick man was a proclamation of the Gospel, "praying and laying his hands upon him healed him", "and when this was done the rest that had diseases in the island came and were cured". The boundless gratitude of these people was only equalled by their generosity in providing them abundantly all that was necessary for their comfort during three months' detention on the island. On their departure they put on board the vessel an ample supply to meet all their needs on the way to Rome, and possibly the store lasted long after Rome was reached. Through the providence of God the wild winds and waves which cast the dismantled ship and its helpless cargo of

human souls upon the island of Melita, opened the way for Paul to bring the message of the Gospel, in a mighty way, to the pagan population of that region. Their very superstition became an avenue of approach to the hearts of this benighted people. "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform, He plants His footsteps on the sea and rides upon the storm".

3. In the latter part of winter or early spring, Paul, his attendants, and his fellow prisoners, embarked for Rome upon an Alexandrian ship, which had spent the winter in the island, "Whose sign was the Twin Brothers", Castor and Pollux, the patrons of seamen; under favorable winds sped her course to Syracuse, where he was forced by adverse winds to remain three days; resuming her voyage she passed into Rhegium, and after a day's delay passed on to Puteoli on the Bay of Naples, the principal harbour in the south of Italy, the regular port of the Egyptian corn ships. Paul and his fellow prisoners disembarked, quite a hundred miles from Rome. This distance they traversed on foot along the Appian Road. What must have been Paul's reflections as his feet pressed hard upon the road, which hourly brought him nearer to the Imperial Tribunal to which he had appealed his case. The consciousness of his innocence of the charges alleged against him, must have relieved him of the dark forebodings as to the outcome of his trial before Caesar. Yet there are evidences of depression. Perhaps some unfavorable tidings may have reached him which clouded his prospects for a speedy and impartial trial and full acquittal. The five years of Nero's tranquil reign had come suddenly to an end. His moderation and his efforts to mitigate the evils introduced by his immediate predecessors upon the throne of the Caesars and alleviate the sufferings and oppressions of his subjects inspired them with confidence in the benignity of his administration, the rectitude of his purpose and the integrity of his character. His clemency in the administration of justice, the generous consideration which he showed to the Senate and the general welfare of his subjects, crowned the first five years of his reign with a lustrous comparable to that of the halcyon days when Augustus was on the throne. This propitious beginning of Nero's reign came suddenly to an end in the murder of his mother Agrippina, whose influence was strong and whose ambition was to share the glory of his reign. He intrigued with assassins to murder her. The bloody atrocity awakened the ferocious spirit of the lion in him. The career of this immoral monster during the rest of his reign, is marked with cruelty, bloodshed, "lurid horror and unrivalled

horror". An account of this atrocious matricide probably reached Paul's ears during the few days' delay in Puteoli, where he was permitted to mingle with the brethren of that city. (Ver. 14.) On his journey along the Appian Way he was met by brethren from Rome at the Market of Appius and the Three Taverns. The coming of these brethren lifted the depression from the spirit of Paul, and inspired in him a sense of gratitude to God. Paul could see the light as well as the shadows in these eventful years of his prison life and recognize the guiding hand of God through them all. (Ver. 15)

4. Paul now arrives in Rome; soon the curtain is to fall and conceal from us the scenes and fortune of his prison life. We may make the most of what Luke tells in the few remaining words of his history of Paul, "And when we entered into Rome, Paul was suffered to abide by himself with the soldiers that guarded him". (Ver. 16.) Paul had doubtless won the admiration, affection and confidence of Julius, the centurion who had him in keeping from the day he left Caesarea until he reached Rome. It was probably due to the high esteem of Julius for Paul, the privilege of abiding alone, in his hired house was granted him. The presence of his soldier guard in no way abridged his liberty to receive and converse with whomsoever he wished. This liberty, he soon availed himself of, in an effort to set himself right with the Jewish authorities of Rome in a face to face conference. "And it came to pass that after three days he called together those that were the chief of the Jews; and when they were come together, he said unto them, I, brethren, though I had done nothing against the people or the customs of our fathers, yet was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of Romans; who, when they examined me, desired to set me at liberty because there was no cause of death in me. But when the Jews spoke against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had aught whereof to accuse my nation. For this cause therefore, did I entreat you to see and to speak with me; for because of the hope of Israel, I am bound with this chain". (Vers. 17-20.) Paul's interest and affection for his own people were deeply rooted. Many a smaller man would have avoided all contact with a people who hounded him through all the years of his apostolic labors, but his racial instincts and abiding interest in his Jewish brethren prompted him to seek a way of access to the Jews in Rome. No longer free to meet them in their synagogues, he invited them to his hired house, that he might explain to them the reason for appearing in Rome a prisoner in chains. The frankness of his statement and the manifest sincerity of his purpose provoked a statement from them, saying unto him, "We neither received letter from Judea concerning thee, nor did any of the brethren come hither and report or speak any harm of thee. But we desire to

hear of thee what thou thinkest; for as concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is everywhere spoken against". (Vers. 21-23.)

These Jewish authorities assure Paul that they had not heard, either by letter or oral communication anything of the circumstances of his arrest in Jerusalem or the charges against him. They signified their desire to hear him for themselves, since they knew that the sect of which he was the representative, was everywhere spoken against. Paul has gained his point. The way is opened for him to begin his ministry in Rome as elsewhere by preaching first to the Jews. And when they had appointed him a day, they came to him into his lodging in great number; to whom he expounded the matter, testifying the kingdom of God and persuading them concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from prophets, from morning till evening. And some, believed the things which were spoken and some disbelieved". (Vers. 23-24.) Paul's interpretation of the purpose and purport of the law of Moses and the forecast of the prophets, respecting the promised Messiah was so radically different from that of Jewish authorities, that it inspired faith in only a few but provoked the fiercest opposition on the part of the many. The long expository discourse of Paul to his Jewish audience in Rome shared the fate of all his efforts to win his people to Christ. The results were meager, and discouraging. But Paul had done his duty, he offered them the Gospel, and their rejection of the Christ was the fulfillment of what the Holy Spirit had foretold through Isaiah the prophet. (Vers. 25-27; Is. 6:9-10.)

5. This offer of salvation to the Jews in Rome was made by Paul at the beginning of his imprisonment in that city. This effort to convert his kindred was the beginning of two long years in preaching to all who came to his hired house. "And he abode two whole years in his own hired dwelling, and received all who went in unto him preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, none forbidding him". (Vers. 30-31.) Bound in chains, and under the eye of a Roman soldier, Paul's zeal for the Gospel was no less fervent, and active in preaching the Gospel of the kingdom. The countless numbers who frequented his prison abode, afforded him ample opportunity to carry out his long cherished desire to preach the Gospel in Rome. The success of his prison ministry became to him the source of greatest joy. His zeal, his loyalty and his courage became a source of inspiration to others who became more zealous and bold in preaching the word of God without fear. Of those who came under the influence of his preaching was the Praetorian guard, who individually were charged with the duty of guarding the noted prison preacher. Soon the contents of his message became well known throughout the barracks and even beyond, and the conquests of the Gospel among the soldiery of Rome



brought unceasing joy to the heart of Paul.

6. But Paul's activities in preaching the Gospel in Rome did not narrow down his interest to the imperial city. His deep concern in the churches located in the fields of his past labors, pressed heavily upon him because of the tidings which reached him of perils which menaced the very existence of these churches located within Asia Minor. There was one ray of light from the church at Philippi which lighted up the gloom which the evil tidings from the churches of Asia cast over the spirit of Paul. Philippi, the first church planted by him on the continent of Europe, had remembered him in his bonds. They sent their pastor Epaphroditus with a generous contribution to relieve Paul from the possibility of discomfort during long days of prison life. This is not the place to discuss the nature of the heresies which were rampant in Asia Minor, and the probable headway they had made in pervading the churches in that region. The order of these Epistles was probably as follows: 1. The Letter to the Philippians. 2. The Letter to Philemon, a personal letter to Philemon, about his runaway slave Onesimus whom Paul is now sending back to his master. 3. The circular Letter addressed to a number of churches located in Asia Minor, which has come down to us as the Letter to the Ephesians. As it passed from one church to another, it finally passed into the hands of the church of Ephesus, where it found its home until called for by someone who was collecting the Pauline Epistles and publishing them to the world. 4. The Epistle to the Colossians where the errors seemed most aggressive and meeting an alarming degree of favor. Of Paul's trial we know little, but there are good reasons to believe he was cleared and spent some years in active work in visiting many places and preaching in new fields.

#### FLORA

With the noble and progressive church at Flora, Miss., I have just shared an experience which will long be remembered gratefully. Under Pastor E. V. May's superb leadership things were in splendid condition for our ten days' meeting, and a real revival, with twenty-five additions to the church by baptism, was the result. The music was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Hughes of Newport, Ky., and was all that could be desired. And certainly no preacher or singers could have asked a more appreciative hearing, more cordial co-operation, more delightful hospitality or better treatment in every way.

The Flora church is finely organized and includes in its membership as faithful a band of workers as can be found. At a cost of more than \$15,000 they are just completing a commodious three-story Sunday School annex, and with such an equipment the various departments of the work will progress even more rapidly than heretofore. The pastor and his gifted wife are deeply loved

by the people and God's blessing is abounding upon their work.

Cordially yours,

—H. L. Martin.

Indianola, Miss., Nov. 26, 1925.

#### TRAINING SCHOOL CLASS TO START JANUARY 1st, 1926 BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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#### W. Y. QUISENBERRY—A SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY APOSTLE

By J. F. Love

The most passionate and appealing voice of Southern Baptists for Foreign Missions is hushed forever. These lines are written in the gloom which a telegram from Leesburg, Va., announcing the death of W. Y. Quisenberry, has cast over the Foreign Mission Rooms. There is scarcely a community in the whole Southern Baptist Convention where this good man is not known. For many years he has with a tireless zeal campaigned for Christ and a lost world among the churches up and down the South. He rests from his labors and his works will follow him.

No one who ever heard W. Y. Quisenberry speak on Foreign Missions has, I presume, ever forgotten the man or entirely outlived the spell of his passion for this great cause. Thousands have opened their hearts to his appeal and opened their purses to the cause for which he plead. Other thousands have hardened their hearts and clutched their purses tighter to resist the appeal of this impassioned man. His soul verily cried to Southern Baptists with the agonies of a lost world.

But his pleading was not all. He had a passion that perhaps no other man in all our Southland had for this great cause. But that passion did not exhaust itself in appealing to others. It expressed itself sublimely in the continual stream of his personal gifts to the cause to which he asked others to give. Missionaries, native preachers and missionary institutions on the foreign fields are memorials to his abounding liberality to Foreign Missions.

How he often plead with Southern Baptists to see Foreign Missions in the large and to give to it as God had prospered them! Many hardening their hearts have endeavored to laugh out of consideration W. Y. Quisenberry's call to Southern Baptists for Ten Million Dollars a year for Foreign Missions. They have turned the passion of his great soul into a joke. Some at least of these will now reflect, God sent a prophet among us, but we did not recognize him. I doubt not that

what seemed an extravagant goal and appeal uttered in the plaintive soul-cry of this good man, was and is in the eyes of the Saviour who gave His life for a lost world, a calm and reasonable thing for Southern Baptists to do. They could do it and deny themselves not one actual necessity. Hurtful extravagances indulged by Southern Baptists would amount to all that Quisenberry has ever asked them to do.

How the thought of lifting the debt on the Foreign Mission Board kindled to white heat even his passionate soul! He was true to the Co-operative Program and went to God with a clean conscience as its champion, but he was impatient of spirit to see the Conventions give permission for an appeal to lift the debt on the Foreign Mission Board, and was ready to flare forth among our churches with that appeal for the "Christmas Love Offering". He would have done perhaps more than any man to accomplish this achievement, and would have been the happiest man standing in the doorway of the new year if this debt should be paid before the year dawns.

He had tracked the missionaries and seen the heathen in their blindness on many mission fields, and the multitudes of lost souls and the needs of missionaries haunted his great spirit by day and by night.

It is well with W. Y. Quisenberry. He has finished his work, but now that he has gone, there is a prayer on my lips that his spirit may fall upon every Baptist pastor and every Baptist pulpit in the South. If that prayer is answered, the debt on the Foreign Mission Board will be paid before the morning of the new year breaks.

May the Father of mercies anoint with the healing oil of His grace the broken hearts of his loved ones! Until the Saviour comes, the life which he has lived will be a precious heritage to those who seek to make Christ the King of kings. The self-devotion which has characterized his work and his giving to Foreign Missions will be a rebuke to the smug and comfortable Christian who, blessed of the Father's gracious hand, never takes up Christ's cross through the world be dying in sin. To despise or not to heed the example of W. Y. Quisenberry will, I verily believe, be to sin against God. I have never known any man who gave more liberally or joyfully to Foreign Missions, plead more passionately or spent his strength more freely for it than did this brother beloved and now lamented. Perhaps God called him just when the denomination was opening the way for the distress call of Foreign Missions, and the "Christmas Love Gift", in order that others should see and feel their responsibility. I would to God that some rich Southern Baptist might at this time make a gift to Foreign Missions big enough to be a fitting memorial to W. Y. Quisenberry, who was the embodiment of Christian passion for this holy cause, and that he would do it in this tremendous hour and before the precious and familiar form of our brother

returns to dust or is caught up to meet the Lord!

#### THE CHURCH

There are no words in the English language as sweet to me as the word Church.

Sweet as an early morning thought on a bright sunny day or as sweet as the dew drops on the fresh flowers, or the lovely chatter of a darling babe in the home.

What is the use of having a church, could we not as well do without it? I say no, friends; but there are millions of people who detest the word.

Do we are Christians appreciate the House of God as we should? Let us say with David of old, I was glad when they said unto me let us go unto the house of the Lord.

The first verse of scripture I ever learned has impressed me all my life, which reads, I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. I had rather have this inscribed on my tomb and know it was true than to be the President of the United States or to be the wealthiest person on earth without God. Yes, a million worlds could not compare or outweigh the faith of an humble child of God.

I love to wake at the hour of midnight and think of the greatness of God and what he has done for me. When I was a lost sinner he came to my relief and he will come to yours, poor sinner, if you will only trust him. May you come to love God and his people as I have learned to do, and this will bring you to the safe and sure retreat, which is the House of God, The Church.

—G. P. Waltor,  
Donna, Texas.

#### A CALL TO FORMER STUDENTS

A word to all former students of the S. W. Seminary.

Dear Brethren:—If you were at the New Albany Convention, you will recall that Brother Dana called a meeting of all former students of the Southwestern Seminary for a brief conference. For reasons that you can readily understand an organization was formed, in which we hope to enlist the cooperation of all former students of that institution who are now in the state. Among other things we plan to perhaps have a banquet at the next Convention. Will you please send me your correct address in order that my records as secretary may be made complete. Brother J. G. Lott of Water Valley was chosen president of the association.

Cordially yours,

—Frank C. Crockett,  
Sumner, Miss.

Be ready for the Every Member Canvass for the 1926 Program by December 6th. Complete the Canvass by December 14th. Report amounts subscribed for denominational work to your Associational Organizer that he may report same to the State Board Office.



## BROOKLYN

It was my joy to be with Pastor D. E. Hogan and the Brooklyn (Miss.) Baptist Church in special meetings beginning November 23rd and continuing through the 23rd.

Though Brother Hogan has had charge of this work hardly two months, the church is responding graciously to his leadership.

On the closing night of the meeting the church elected two additional deacons and ordained two who had previously been elected. The church had been going along for some time without deacons. The setting apart of these good men to the office of deacon ought to mean a new day in the life of the church.

It should be said also that the church unanimously adopted the unaltered budget for 1926, agreeing to pay the pastor monthly and also to make monthly remittances to Dr. R. B. Gunter. The adoption of this program will doubtless mean great things for the church.

May the Lord add His blessings upon the church and pastor.

—B. C. Land.

Brookington, La.

## BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

I was an orphan before. I was seven years old. When the \$75,000,000 Campaign was put on that was to take care of the Orphanage 3% of the annual fifteen million the other 97% was to take care of the other six objects in the budget and it would have done so if every one had paid their pledges. There was only fifty-five million of the ninety-two million subscribed paid.

Next year the benevolent fund is only seventy hundred thousand for Mississippi if every church in Mississippi would be ready for the very Member Canvass for the 1926 program by December 6th. Complete the canvass by December 14th. Report amounts subscribed for denominational work to your Association Organizer that he may report the same to the State Board office, and then you can relieve my anxiety. If every Baptist in the Southern Baptist Convention would tithe, pay the Lord His tenth, it would value one hundred and fifty million dollars next year. I presume a hundred people have asked me to resume writing for The Baptist Record. I will do so if you will heed and act on my suggestions. If you want your church educated in the habit of giving have your Sunday School have the first Sunday in each month Orphanage Day and give the collection to the Orphanage. It will develop the spirit of giving to all objects. I can speak from experience.

—W. H. Patton,  
Shubuta, Miss.

## East Mississippi Department

By R. L. Breland

## The Old Home

On the 23th of November, 1925, the three remaining brothers of our family, Edward W., Andrew J. and R. L., the only survivors of a once large family, met at the old homestead in Neshoba County and celebrated a great feast. The connection and friends were present and we had a pleasant day. The old home is now occupied by the widow and children of our recently deceased brother, F. M. Breland.

Just across the road from the present building stands the old houses where we first settled, 45 years ago. There, father, mother, sisters and brothers spent many happy days; there father, sisters and brother died, mother died in the present house and brother died in the present house, so the old home is not what it used to be. All is quiet in the old buildings across the road, loved faces one by one have disappeared, times and people have changed.

The boys and girls with whom I used to play are, many of them, gone to the land beyond the "twilight hills of death" and many more are living in distant lands, and so I feel alone and lonely in the old home. We three remaining brothers are very appreciative for the fine feast served in our honor.

On Monday we three brothers, with a nephew to drive, loaded ourselves into a Ford car and made a journey of nearly 200 miles to Poplarville to visit our only living uncle, J. H. Odom, mother's youngest brother. Though more than 87 years old uncle is hale and active. We enjoyed a few days with him and the connection and then made our way back to our homes and loved ones.

One by one we are passing away.

Soon we too shall join the innumerable host that has crossed over the river where we hope to reunite with our loved ones in the land of the "unsettling sun".

## Notes and Comments

The church at Mt. Nelson, Neshoba County, has called Rev. P. A. Davis, as her pastor. Rev. A. B. Culpepper has been the pastor there for many years.

Beat Line, Neshoba, has called Rev. A. B. Culpepper to be her pastor.

The new church building at Philadelphia is nearing completion. It is to be a beautiful and serviceable house of worship.

A Baptist Church was organized at Coldwater, Neshoba County, November 29, 1925. Eld. E. W. Breland assisted the pastor in the organization, 22 members went into the organization and more to come. This is a splendid location, the center of a consolidated school district.

Mt. Sinai Church, Neshoba County, is sad at the going of Brother and Sister B. B. Allen, and their children, to New Mexico, where they will make their future home. Blessings upon them.

## Hillman College

The Y. W. A. under the leadership of Mrs. B. H. Lovelace is doing fine work this year. The organization became large enough to be divided into circles and the girls are showing much interest.

The chapel hour each Wednesday morning has been given over to the students. Their meetings have been especially interesting and helpful the last two weeks. The Y. W. A. is to conduct chapel exercises one Wednesday in the month, the Adeline Society one, the Lesbians one, and the Athletic Association one.

The girls have been active on the athletic field this week. Tennis, basket ball and base ball games

are all going at once in the afternoons after school.

A students' recital is to be given on December 12th by the Piano, Voice and Expression Departments.

A number of girls failed to get places at Hillman when school opened because they applied after all the rooms had been engaged. Those who are interested in entering college after Christmas should write now, as vacancies will likely occur during the holidays.

## COMO

This is, beyond all dispute, an age of education. If a Baptist does not take and read the church paper it is a stupendous undertaking to interest such a one in the many organizations and "Co-operative Programs". It is no wonder our great front rank leaders find justification in applying all they consistently can to the education division of the allocation.

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not be able to accomplish in "Co-operative Programs", if they but get the education possible by reading The Baptist Record. If it is not bad taste this writer would like to refer to a letter lately received from a Record reading Baptist in which he said, "I could but poorly exist spiritually without my Record. Dr. Lipsey's writings feed my soul and one of Brother Breland's articles is worth many times the cost of subscription". He further said, "I am not so sure of the scraps and dog on good dog stories but I believe Dr. Scarborough and Dr. Mullins are far up the educational ladder." All right, let every wide-awake, intelligent Baptist take and read The Baptist Record and do it now. Educate—for as sure as there is a tomorrow, Baptists of the world and all America in particular are on the eve of such a battle as never before. Stop, look, listen, don't be afraid—speak out—for the truth.

—Quibbler.

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ment was over we played games and had a nice time. Last of all we enjoyed chicken sandwiches and hot chocolate. Of course our Leader, Mrs. Sullivan, was there to lead us in it all. "On to the front, ye Intermediates".

—Willie Rickels, Cor. Sec'y.

State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention, March 23-25, McComb City.

#### First Quarter A-1 Quarter

We have adopted the first quarter of 1926 as A-1 Quarter and we have written the Nashville headquarters that we will accept 100 as our goal. HOW MANY of our B. Y. P. U.'s will write us and say that we can count on you for one of the 100?

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I don't think a finer people and

a better spirit can be found anywhere than in the D'Lo Baptist Church. Of course this made it difficult for this pastor to give up. Fortunate is the preacher who becomes their next pastor.

And now, we are with Monticello

#### STAMMERING!

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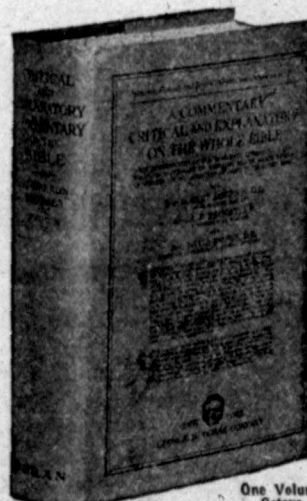
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## COLLEGE COLUMN

## M. S. C. W. News Notes

## Hi-Spots

Are wondering how much longer the Hi-Spot is going to be found in the Euzeilian S. S. Class? The bright light again turns to this class and shines once more on the group of Georgia Eitel, who had 8 present last Sunday, and 7 of them 100% pupils. On this particular group there were 4 who made 100% for the entire month.

## Visitors Welcome

Last Sunday we welcomed a number of visitors to the college department of the S. S. and also to the various services at the Workshop. We were glad to have Mrs. V. H. Vanden, Mrs. J. M. Spight, Misses Julia and Sara Spight, Miss Mary Sue Pyle and a number of visiting college girls.

## Phebe's S. S. Class

The members of this class regret greatly the serious illness of their beloved S. S. Teacher, Mrs. Young. She has been in the Columbus Hospital for over a week, but we are glad that she is recovering and will soon be out again. The class very kindly remembered her with flowers and with cards.

## Miss Fanny Traylor

At the reading of these notes a Y. W. A. Mission Study Class will be in progress at the Workshop, taught by Miss Traylor. Also the daily devotionals at the noon hour will be in her charge. In addition to these services she will meet with the local G. A. organization on Monday.

## 100 Church Members

There are 100 Baptist girls who are full-fledged, bona fide church members here in Columbus, and these girls are making their pledges to the 1926 program in the churches here. Although they are not pledging large amounts, many of them have agreed to become tithers and are subscribing to the budget accordingly.

## Mrs. Brownlee's Group

The group of girls in the Whitfield S. S. Class headed by Irene Pope, have been adopted by Mrs. J. M. Brownlee. On last Wednesday afternoon she invited this group of 12 out to her home. It was a "good-time-together-meeting", and the eats were good too. There were marshmallows and raisins, and candy, and fruit—enough to make any college girl happy, and to give them a taste of "home life".

## The Sermon on the Mount

Many of the Baptist girls, and all of the members of the B. S. U. Council, are memorizing this passage of Scripture—Matthew 5, 6 and 7. It is hoped this may be completed by Christmas. We are trying to learn it by heart, both by committing it to memory and by practicing it on our campus here.

## An Early Christmas Present

Was the \$5.00 gift sent by Mrs.

Griffith to apply on our Piano Debt. This gift was certainly appreciated, and if Santa could bring a number like it, our Piano could soon sing—"I'm out of Debt now!" Thank you Mrs. Griffith for the gift.

## Christmas Pageant

On next Friday night at 6 o'clock the members of the Senior class who are Baptists will have charge of a pageant to be given to a number of children from the city. There will be a Christmas Tree, filled with toys prepared by members of our various organizations. Santa will be there, and the children will have a real taste of the joys of the season. One of the W. M. U. circles has charge of getting the children and of bringing them to the Workshop. Mrs. Parker Reeves is the Chairman of this Circle. On last Wednesday afternoon the girls met at the Workshop and dressed dolls for this tree. Others are contributing toys and fruit.

## "Along the corridors of the Church School,

Walks the Master of Men;  
In its class rooms, sits He—  
The Great Teacher;  
Up from its heart springs  
The Water of Life;  
On its campus grows  
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Our pantry and store rooms are full, and we have many, many things for which to be thankful. Our friends over the state never remembered us quite so abundantly as they have this year, the cars well filled with all sorts of good things to eat and to wear. We genuinely appreciate this kindness of our friends. We wish we might see every donor personally and thank them for their gifts, but this is impossible, so we will have to content ourselves by expressing our thanks through the columns of our paper, and by sending cards and letters where we can get the address.

I wish all might see how it thrills the hearts of the little ones when they see the boxes, bags and barrels coming in, and how pleased they receive day by day the fruit, nuts and candy. One little boy said the other day, "The people must love us mightily to send us all these good things."

Such loyalty on the part of our

friends is a great encouragement to those of us who have the responsibility of caring for and training this big bunch of children. May the Lord give to each one who has helped the sweet experience of our Savior's statement "That it is more blessed to give than to receive."

With special thanks from all at the Orphanage,  
Truly,

—J. R. Carter.

Be ready for the Every Member Canvass for the 1926 Program by December 6th. Complete the Canvass by December 14th. Report amounts subscribed for denominational work to your Associational Organizer that he may report same to the State Board Office.

## THE GREAT ISSUE

The great issues of today which can and ought to be settled by the New Testament are as follows: Has God given us a supernatural revelation of Himself? Is the Bible the record of that revelation? Was Jesus Christ God manifest in the flesh? Was He born of the Virgin Mary? Did He work miracles? Did He live a sinless life and make a real atonement for sin? Did He really rise from the dead? Did He ascend to the Father? Did He bestow the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? Is He alive forevermore as the Saviour of men and Lord of the Kingdom? Will He come again in God's appointed time? There are other questions, but these are the principal ones. The modern rationalistic world is prejudging all these questions, and settling them, to its own satisfaction, without regard to the evidence. Its conclusions, therefore, cannot stand. Meantime those who hunger and thirst after righteousness are saying by the million: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

The religious outlook of the world is hopeless apart from the New Testament. A supernatural revelation alone satisfies man's religious needs. Rationalism has borrowed the moral elementary teachings of the New Testament and proclaimed them as the assured results of reason. But if their supernatural foundation is removed they become once more a part of the welter of speculative thought. May God save the world from the reign of the anti-supernaturalism which is attempting to usurp the throne of human thought in our day!—Watchman-Examiner.

## LIBERTY

Revival services continued fifteen days. Regardless of the almost steady downpour of rain, the attendance was good, as bridges and highways were greatly impaired.

Pastor H. H. Webb did the preaching and his sermons were forceful and wholesome; easy of comprehension to the unsaved and strengthening to the Christian. In fact it was a real spiritual feast, from day to day of strong New Testament doctrine. There were nineteen additions to the church by baptism and several by letter. The amount of

## IN MEMORIAM

## Resolutions of Respect

Whereas, an all-wise providence has seen fit to call from our midst our brother, James W. Chandler, we offer the following resolutions:

First, that our church and community have sustained a great loss in the going of Brother Chandler.

Second, that we extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy and commend them to our Heavenly Father, who is able to help in every need.

Third, that three copies of these resolutions be made, one to be placed upon the church minutes, one to be sent to the family, and one to be sent to The Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Ulmer,  
R. W. Sumrall,  
Mrs. Jennie Sumrall,  
Committee.

\$1,000.00 was raised for local church purposes; \$100.00 contributed to a young minister's education, and pursuant to Dr. Gunter's call, \$100.00 was sent for State Missions. Prior to the revival a handsome Delco Light System was installed and recently a piano was placed in the Primary Department, making three good instruments in our church house.

We desire the prayers of our people that we may be of greater and better service in His Kingdom.

—Myrtis Butler,  
Auditorium Bible Teacher.

## WEBB

Dr. D. M. Nelson delivered a most inspiring address to our people Sunday morning. Many said it was one of the greatest they had ever heard.

At the evening hour, Rev. Owen Williams of Utica preached and the church called him for one-half time. He promised to consider the work. We are anxious to fill the other half time by some church within reasonable distance. Any church wishing to have a pastor for the half-time, or two churches for one-fourth time each, will do us a favor by informing us at once. Write or telephone, Prof. Evern Jones at Webb, Miss.

We understand that a small town not far from here bought a new fire truck. The chief and boys voted to put up the following motto over the door of the fire house:

"May this fire engine be like all the old maids over our village—always ready, but never called for."

An Indianapolis Sunday School teacher entered; he saw leaving in great haste a little girl and her smaller brother.

"Why, Mary, you aren't going away?" he exclaimed in surprise.

"Pleathe, Mr. Morris, we've got to go," was the distressed reply. "Jimmy thwallowed hith collection."



### Balboa Heights Baptist Church

By Missionary Geo. F. Austin, Canal Zone  
(Continued From Last Week)

There are other advantages the Republic of Panama derived from America down here, and which also has a deep moral significance—a suggestion to evangelical Christianity in the States: Panama has no militia except a constabulary, known as the National Police, which is used only for patrol duty in the cities and as an army in case of insurrection, revolution or riot. In case of insurrection or revolution which cannot be handled by the National Police the president of Panama calls upon the American army on the Zone. Also Panama depends upon the United States for protection in case of war with another nation. Possibly Panama is the only nation in the world which has neither army nor navy. It has a population of ama's treaty with America provided for American protection in case of war. This as well as other advantages derived from America has made a most wholesome impression upon every Panamanian and upon all Central and South America. Indeed Americans are looked upon down here as almost supermen. What an opportunity this gives for Christian missions! Are we taking advantage of it? Can Baptists fail to support our program for home and foreign missions in the face of this? The time has arrived when home and foreign missions are so interwoven and interdependent that they can never be entirely separate in Latin America, and while the Home Board is doing work among Americans and West Indians on the Zone, the Panamanians should not be neglected by us. Here are five hundred thousand people on the link of the two continents without a Baptist missionary! Only Methodists and Episcopalians are doing anything for Panamanians and the gentlemen of these two Boards down here tell me that they are hardly touching it. Yet the Federal council tells everybody else to stay out. If the churches will stand by Dr. Gray and the Home Board it will not be so long before Balboa Heights will be able, I trust, to initiate work among these Panamanians. I wish it could be done now.

The number of vessels transiting the Canal in the fiscal year 1925, exclusive of government owned vessels and others exempt from tolls, was 4,673, with an aggregate cargo of 17,933,468 tons, tolls for the same being \$21,400,523.51. These vessels represented 24 nations, America and Great Britain predominating. One of the only two submarine bases of the American navy is at Coco Solo, near Cristobal on the Atlantic. (The other base is at New London, Conn.). The announcement has been made that Coco Solo is to be the larger of the two and perhaps the largest in the world. The largest hangar, or housing equipment for airplanes, on the Western Hemisphere is being constructed at Coco Solo. The dry docks in Balboa are among the largest in the world. On nearly every hill and mountain in the Zone the army has anti-aircraft guns;

and in Balboa powerful aerial and ocean searchlights are operated, while at both ends of the Zone heavy artillery, naval vessels and an air fleet are on guard. Building enterprises by the government are being carried out with a view to permanence. The cost of the Canal was nearly four hundred million dollars. The expenditure has now reached possibly nearly three-quarters of a billion for equipment of all kind. From an economic standpoint this has been a wise investment as American business has been greatly benefited already by the Canal. From a political standpoint it has been justified because it has brought America and all Latin America into closer and more harmonious relation. From a moral standpoint it has been justified because social conditions in Central America are better, and the sense of moral responsibility in example by Americans down here, and in Washington, has meant something to America itself. From an educational standpoint the Canal project has been justified; Panama's educational institutions are being more and more patterned after American ideals and system in instruction. Many Panamanian children attend the Zone schools. At least fifty per cent of the student body in Ancon school, one of the largest on the Zone, are Panamanians. Many of our fine Americans on the Zone who are interested directly in educational progress have been helpful to educational leaders in our sister republic. Panama has just launched a movement for the establishment of a medical college in Panama City. President Chiari, a gentleman of distinguished lineage and respect, personally of the highest type of citizenship, is accomplishing great things for his people. Our own distinguished governor, Colonel M. L. Walker, a Virginian and a gentleman of America's highest (and only) type of real aristocracy—

manhood and achievement—universally respected and admired here, has on every occasion shown a lively interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of Panama.

The vast undertaking by the United States of building the Canal in the face of seeming impossibilities and at so great a cost in money and the sacrificing of some lives and the health of many others, while economically to our advantage, was a distinctly benevolent work in the interest of international commerce and the general welfare of nations the wide world around. There was no intention, and there is no intention now, and no possibility, of American acquisition of territory in the tropics for colonial purposes. This is clear to all who understand the treaty with the Republic of Panama. This treaty provides that the United States shall never convey title to any of its land on the Zone to individuals or to corporations. This treaty gives the United States only a lease for a hundred years with privilege of renewal. So there will never be trade competition between the Zone government and Panama. The United States is not a seeker for territory in the tropics but a contributor to the welfare of all the nations.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention came here soon after the beginning. It not only furnished a pastor for white Americans but also employed two missionaries for the West Indian negroes. (Shall speak in another article perhaps of the work of these two capable men).

In 1916, during the pastorate of Rev. J. L. Wise, the Balboa Heights Baptist Church meeting house and pastor's home were built. The church is considered the most attractive house for worship on the Zone. Indeed it is a model for medium size town anywhere. I doubt if there is a lovelier church on the Western Hemisphere—and it

is at the narrowest point on the hemisphere. It is within sight of the Canal. What the house is in graceful lines, comfort, convenience and equipment, with every suggestion of its world-wide mission, so the membership is in dependability, fellowship, cordiality. The church is known here as "the church with the friendly spirit." Many of the States and a few foreign lands are represented in the congregation, though Southerners outnumber any other section of the nation.

Our location is ideal—perhaps the best on the Zone. The church is about a hundred yards from the Administration Building, the capitol of the Zone in Balboa Heights. Balboa, Balboa Heights and Ancon together is a miniature Washington, D. C. Not far away, but in view, is Balboa Hill upon which stood the intrepid Spanish explorer when he cast the first European eyes on the placid waters which we now call the Pacific Ocean. Our church is at the foot of Ancon Hill which overlooks the Pacific. It faces a spacious and popular boulevard from Balboa to Ancon and Panama City. The building is classic in design, constructed of re-enforced concrete and will stand a hundred years or more. The exquisite loveliness of the interior never fails to educe from one a responsive adoration for the very simplicity and spirituality of its beauty. The wide gothic French windows of plain glass open to the soft green of the surrounding

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### A MAN WITH FIFTY THOUSAND TONGUES

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government grounds and the clear blue tropic skies. The high slender panels of walls flow upward into the graceful curves and angles of the lofty ceiling—every inch of space of the purest white plaster—with wood finish and pulpit and choir furniture, and panels of the baptistry, in native mahogany (cheaper here than imported pine), all highly polished and glistening, while the pews of opera chairs with snow-white covers of duck linen in keeping with the tropic spirit and custom, and the ten big white bowls of illumination suspended low by chains of brass—all give a delicate winsomeness to the interior decoration seldom seen in a church. Standing at a window in this building one may see every ship which passes through the Canal. Standing here one day and watching a vessel transiting the Canal, and knowing the vessel to be a Norwegian freighter far from its own iceberg waters and snow-swept shores, and knowing too that this was the only Baptist Church (except a few others for West Indian negroes) within fifteen hundred miles in any direction, the meaning of this building filled me and the following lines sprang out of my heart as well as mind as my re-action to it:

It stands on an Isthmian mound  
With roof as close to heaven  
As its sills to the ground.

Its windows look out to every land,  
Its doors ever swing wide  
A gate to peace for passing man.

Resisting storms, enduring time,  
Rich in gifts, bearing burdens,—  
A shrine to God in every line.  
(Continued Next Week)

#### FROM BRO. ZENO WALL

I beg to hand you herewith a check for my subscription to the Baptist Record, and wish to assure you of the blessings it brings to our home by its weekly visits. I, too, desire to congratulate Mississippi Baptists on last year's accomplishments, and on their 1926 program. May the Holy Spirit continue to lead all of you into whiter fields, and greater joys.

After spending nearly four years of strenuous work with the First Baptist Church, Goldsboro, where we were used of the Lord in adding 450 to the membership of the church, raising about seventy-two thousand dollars for all denominational objects, and leading in the purchase of a fifteen thousand dollar home for the pastor, we heard and responded to what we termed "the call of God" to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, this city—Shelby—entering upon our work here a few weeks ago; and in entering upon it we were given a most royal welcome "back home," for we are now within 12 miles of where we were born. And oh what a joy it is, after twenty years away, to be back near the old home—near our aged father and mother into whose home we go at least once each week.

Shelby is a city of about 8,000, situated in one of the most deligh-

ful sections of North Carolina. Our church has a membership of about 700, with an average attendance upon our Sunday School of 600 and from between 700 and 1,000 upon the preaching service. Since coming here a few weeks ago, we have had 46 additions to our church, and without any meeting—just a continuous revival. Rejoice with us! This is the home of the Dixons, and the Bosticks who are now in China, and among our members are to be found several distinguished sons, among them being Judge James Webb, Federal Judge E. Yates Webb (whose father used to preach at our old home church), and Hon. O. Max Garder who, from all indications and reports will be our next Governor, and is, one of the greatest Sunday School teachers I have ever had, he having a class of 200 men each Sunday, and a great orator. I hope Mississippians may hear him some day, and Mr. Charley Blanton, who is said to be the richest man in our county, is a member with us and is deeply interested in the Lord's work. The outlook, for another great year, is bright, for our church two years ago built a home for their pastor at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars (showing the high esteem in which God's messenger is held) and since we came upon the field they have given us a beautiful Dodge Sedan, and a generous "pounding" like you Mississippians used to give us. I feel like saying, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." We are all well.

When you are in North Carolina, come to see us. We are only four hours out of Asheville on one of our wonderful highways, and the Southern Railway runs right through our city.

Heaven's rich blessings upon all of you as you endeavor to do the will of the Lord—to preach His Gospel and do His will unto the ends of the earth.

Sincerely,

—Zeno Wall.

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very best people to be found in the state. Already they have proven their generosity and fine spirit. On our arrival at Monticello the good ladies of the church had gathered at the parlorium with a fine collection of those good things which are so essential to the well being of the physical man—our pantry was overflowing.

Monticello is one of the oldest towns in the state. Once, for a brief time, was the seat of government of the state. We find some of the very finest church people here. Couldn't expect otherwise after such men as Brethren J. P. Williams, M. O. Patterson and C. E. Bass having been their pastors.

We are persuaded that if the present pastor can measure up to his opportunities these splendid churches will do a great work for the Master next year. We are hoping that next year will be the greatest year, not only for us, but for all the churches throughout our Convention. May our preachers and

people pray and work to this end as God shall direct. —W. S. Landrum.

#### GOOD MEETING

Recently we closed a very successful meeting with Brother J. F. Fuqua, and his church at Brandenburg, Ky. There were twenty-eight additions, seventeen of them for baptism. There were also ten volunteers for special work for the Lord.

Brother Fuqua is a most lovable man. He is very fine as a pastor and a real brother with which to

work. My brother, E. T. Hickerson, who lives at Wichita, Kas., came to Brandenburg and led the music for us. Brandenburg is my old home. Most of the people who attended the meeting were people that I had known when I was a boy. My father, J. M. Hickerson, was a deacon of that church for nearly forty years.

It was such a joy and privilege to be with those whom I had known in former years to work with them in the Lord's work.

—Evangelist J. W. Hickerson and Wife.

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